

Righteousness
Blessed: It's An Inside Job! Pt. 4
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2 Corinthians 4:4, *The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*

Matthew 5:3, *"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."*

Matthew 5:4, *Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*

Matthew 5:5, *Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.*

Matthew 5:6, *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.*

3 Dimensions to the Righteousness We Must Hunger and Thirst For:

1. Righteousness in GOD'S EYES

Romans 5:9, ... we have now been justified by his blood...

2 Corinthians 5:21, *God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

Romans 3:22, *This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, **23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **24** and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.*

Matthew 5:6, *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.*

2. Righteousness in OUR CONDUCT

Hebrews 10:10, *And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.*

Hebrews 10:14, *For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.*

Colossians 3:5, *Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. **6** Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. **7** You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. **8** But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. **9** Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices **10** and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.*

Romans 6:10, The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. **11** In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. **12** Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. **13** Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. **14** For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

John 14:15, "If you love me, keep my commands."

John 14:21, Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me...

John 14:23, Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching... **24** Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching..."

John 4:32, But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you know nothing about." **33** Then his disciples said to each other, "Could someone have brought him food?" **34** "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. **35** Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest."

3. Righteousness in **OTHERS**

2 Corinthians 5:14, For Christ's love compels us...

2 Corinthians 5:18, All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: **19** that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. **20** We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

John 6:35, Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Psalms 42:1, As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. **2** My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?