

DEVOUR THE BIBLE: ONE BITE AT A TIME

“FOR THEY DON’T UNDERSTAND THAT CHRIST HAS DIED TO MAKE THEM RIGHT WITH GOD. INSTEAD THEY ARE TRYING TO MAKE THEMSELVES GOOD ENOUGH TO GAIN GOD’S FAVOR BY KEEPING THE JEWISH LAWS AND CUSTOMS, BUT THAT IS NOT GOD’S WAY OF SALVATION.” ROMANS 10:3 TLB

#1

What is righteousness? It's the part of God's character that demonstrates His holiness and justice; the quality of being right. It includes actions, motives, and attitude. We see God's righteousness lived out in Jesus' choices.

#2

How do we become righteous? The people in the verse above thought they had to work at it. They did that by following what Moses said to do. That may work a few times, but not long-term. There's a better way.

#3

You can't be righteous on your own. When you become a Christian, you trade your sin for God's righteousness. What a deal! God's righteousness comes to you through a relationship with Him. He gives you His righteousness.

#4

Christ's Spirit, the Holy Spirit, lives inside a Christian. Jesus' righteousness is present with you because his Spirit is present with you. Your job is to get lined up with Holy Spirit.

#5

Your spirit wants to do what is right. Your flesh? Not so much. Line up your spirit with the Holy Spirit and you will release God's righteousness in you.

PARENT TIPS

#1

Discuss the importance of personal holiness in habits, thoughts, words, and deeds. How does it benefit us and what negative consequences do we face when we blow it off. Include what we watch and listen to. Our choices should reflect God's presence in our lives.

#2

Share a time you tried to manufacture your own righteousness without God's help. Willpower only goes so far. Trying really hard just ends in frustration and failure.

God doesn't want us to live like that.

#3

Share a time you traded for something. How do trades usually work? Christians make the best trade ever: Our sin for Jesus' righteousness.

#4

Think of a three-legged race. You want to do life in partnership with the Holy Spirit. You must keep in step with Him. Spend time together. Pray. Listen. Obey. What does this look like in your life?

#5

The flesh is like a toddler. When you do things God's way, it will throw a fit. Share times you overcame your flesh to obey God. What happened? Share a time when you blew it. What happened?

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1

RIGHTEOUSNESS MEANS ACTING RIGHT
ACCORDING TO GOD'S WORD.

2

I CAN'T BE RIGHTEOUS ON MY OWN. TRYING
HARD DOESN'T WORK.

3

GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS IS HIS OWN
HOLINESS AND PERFECTION. WE SEE IT IN
JESUS,WHAT HE SAID AND DID.

4

GOD GIVES ME HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS WHEN I
BECOME PART OF HIS FAMILY.

4

THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPS ME
MAKE GOOD CHOICES.

SMALL BITES: PARENT TIPS

ROMANS 10:3

1

GIVE SOME EXAMPLES OF RIGHT AND WRONG CHOICES ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE.

2

EVERYONE SINS. BUT GOD LOVED US SO MUCH HE SENT JESUS TO TAKE OUR SIN AWAY.

3

ONLY GOD IS RIGHTEOUS ALL THE TIME.

4

GOD OFFERS US A TRADE. WE GIVE HIM OUR SIN. HE GIVES US HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS.

4

SHARE HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS HELPED YOU MAKE GOOD CHOICES.