



DEVELOP A RIGHTEOUS MIND

A. You Have Been Made the Righteousness of God

1. 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 – “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new” (v.17). “For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him” (v. 21).
2. Colossians 1:12-13 – “Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.”
3. New creation (Greek): new species of being
 - a. You are not an old remodeled building but a new one.
 - b. The reason for the new creation was so that fellowship between God and man might be restored.
4. You are not just a forgiven sinner, but a new being that never existed before.
 - a. Colossians 2:13-14 – “And you, being dead in your sins...hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross.”

B. We Are to Reign as Kings

1. Romans 5:17 – “For if by one man’s offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.”
2. Most Christians are allowing life to reign over them.
3. The child or heir of the king has the same rights and authority as the king.
4. You have rights and privileges because you are born of the Spirit of God.
You have birth rights.
 - a. Ephesians 2:5-6 – “Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ... And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”
5. Jesus was justified in the Spirit and so were we.
 - a. 1 Timothy 3:16 – “...manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit...”
 - b. Romans 3:21-27 – “Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus” (v.24). “...that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus” (v.26).



C. Developing a Righteousness Consciousness

1. Hebrews 10:1-2 – “...because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins” (v.2).
 - a. Hebrews 9:11-14 – “How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?” (v.14)
2. Under the Law, the sacrifices only covered their sins. If they had cleansed the people, then they would not have a sin consciousness.
3. The blood of Jesus remitted sin so we would not have a sin consciousness.
4. 1 Corinthians 15:34 – “Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.”
5. You should develop a righteousness consciousness to the point that you don’t have to stop and think about it; you just simply react as Jesus did because of His right standing.

D. Jesus Had a Righteousness Consciousness

1. It is ridiculous for you to think that Satan could put sickness on Jesus as He was the righteousness of God.
2. It should be equally ridiculous for you to think Satan could put sickness on you since you also are the righteousness of God.
3. Jesus knew the privileges of His right standing.
 - a. Example: at the tomb of Lazarus
 - i. John 11:38-44
4. A sin consciousness will produce defeat, and a righteousness consciousness will produce victory.

E. The Apostle Paul Was Aware of His Right Standing

1. 2 Corinthians 7:2 – “Receive us; we have wronged no man, we have corrupted no man, we have defrauded no man.”
2. Paul is speaking as a new creation.

F. A Righteousness Consciousness Will Develop Your Prayer Life

1. Your prayer life will become fellowship with the Father.
2. Hebrews 4:16 – “...come boldly unto the throne...”
3. 1 Peter 3:12 – “For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers...”
4. James 5:16 - ...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much



DEVELOP A RIGHTEOUS MIND - REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Being the righteousness of God or a new creation according to the Greek means you are a new _____ of being; this was done so that _____ between you and God might be restored.
2. You are not just a forgiven _____, but a new being that never _____ before.
3. As a child or heir of the King you have the same rights and _____ as the King.
4. You have rights and privileges, _____ rights, because you are born _____ the Spirit of God.
5. The sacrifices under the law only _____ sin, the blood of Jesus _____ sin for the purpose of getting rid of a sin consciousness.
6. Develop a righteousness consciousness so that you simply _____ as Jesus did because of His right standing.
7. Because of His righteousness, it is ridiculous to think Satan could have put _____ on Jesus, and it should be equally _____ in your thinking that Satan can put sickness on you since you are also the righteousness of God.
8. _____ is produced with a sin consciousness.
9. A righteousness consciousness produces _____.
10. Your prayer life will become about _____ with the Father when you have developed a righteousness consciousness and you will come _____ before His throne



DEVELOP A RIGHTEOUS MIND - ANSWER KEYS

1. (species, fellowship)
2. (sinner, existed)
3. (authority)
4. (birth, of)
5. (covered, remitted)
6. (react)
7. (sickness, ridiculous)
8. (Defeat)
9. (victory)
10. (fellowship, boldly)