



The Fruits of Righteousness

I discussed our need for a revelation of being made the righteousness of God and how this will produce a victorious Christian life. We found in 2 Corinthians 5:21 *that He hath made Him (Jesus) to be sin...that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him*. Because of the sacrifice of Jesus in our place, we now have right standing with God the Father. We can stand in His presence without a sense of sin, fear, or condemnation.

Let me now share with you what righteousness will produce which are as the Apostle Paul said, the fruits of righteousness. First, let's read a prayer that the Holy Spirit inspired Paul to pray for the Body of Christ, and then we will discuss how to put the prayer to work in your behalf.

³I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy...⁹And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; ¹⁰that ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; ¹¹being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 1:3-4, 9-11

Did you notice that Paul is praying that we will be filled with the fruits of righteousness? That says to me that there are products of righteousness. In other words, my right standing with God is actually a spiritual force and will produce certain things in my behalf. What are they? The answer can be found in Isaiah 32:17, *And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever.*

The fruits of righteousness are peace, quietness, and assurance. The word *peace* can be translated from the Greek as a *harmonious relationship*. The word *harmonious* is defined as *well-proportioned, agreeable, or balanced*. Our right-standing with God produces for us a harmonious relationship with Him, one that is as well-proportioned as the relationship between the Father and the Lord Jesus.

Through the obedience of Jesus, we can now enjoy the same relationship that He spoke of in John 17. As we read this, notice that Jesus is praying for us.

...¹¹Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are...²¹That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee...²³that they may be made perfect in one...

John 17:11, 21, 23

We find that the prayer has been answered, and we now have this kind of relationship.

¹⁴For he is our peace (harmonious relationship), who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; ¹⁵having abolished in his flesh the enmity,



even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace.

Ephesians 2:14-15 (additions mine)

Praise God, we now have peace with God; we now have a harmonious, well-proportioned relationship with Him. We are one in Jesus. What a relationship! Can there be any impossibility? No! Jesus said, *The Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works* (John 14:10 Glory to God! I have the same relationship and can say *it is God working in me both to will and to do his good pleasure* (Philippians 2:13 paraphrased).

The word *peace* also denotes *rest and contentment, a quietness of the mind and heart*. Jesus said in John 14:27, *Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*

Praise God, even in the midst of turmoil I can have the peace of God. My right standing with God produced it, and now I begin to realize that.

If God be for us, who can be against us?

Romans 8:31

No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper...

Isaiah 54:17

⁶Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made know unto God. ⁷And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

Because we have been made righteous, we can make our request directly to the Father. As you make your request, righteousness will produce peace (rest and contentment), quietness, and assurance that your need will be met. The word *quietness* is translated as *tranquility arising from within*.

When the force of righteousness is motivating your prayer life, it will produce rest and quietness in your heart and mind. You'll find that the struggle with faith is over. You'll notice that calmness will come over you and assurance will flood your very being. The word *assurance* literally means *the engrossing effect of the expectation to the fulfillment of God's promise*.

Righteousness is truly one of God's most precious gifts to man. I encourage you to lean hard on your right standing with God and enjoy its effects.



The Fruits of Righteousness Review Questions

1. The _____ of righteousness will be produced through the force of righteousness.
2. Our right standing with God is actually a spiritual _____ which will produce certain fruits in our lives.
3. Isaiah 32:17 describes the work of righteousness which is _____ and the effect of righteousness _____ and _____ forever.
4. So the fruits of righteousness are _____, _____, and _____.
5. In the Greek peace is translated as a _____ relationship.
6. Our right standing with God produces a *harmonious* relationship with Him which means a relationship that is well-_____, _____, or _____.
7. Through the _____ of Jesus we now have _____ with God, the same relationship Jesus had with Him according to John 17 we are _____ with the Father in Jesus.
8. We can now say that it is God working in us both to _____ and to do His good _____ Philippians 2:13.
9. *Peace* also denotes _____ and _____, a _____ of the mind and _____.
10. Even in the midst of _____ you can have the peace of God.
11. *Tranquility arising from within* is translated into the word _____.
12. When the force of righteousness is motivating your prayer life, it will produce _____ and _____ in your heart and mind.
13. Calmness will come over you and _____ will flood your being.
14. *The engrossing effect of the expectation to the fulfillment of God's promise* is what the literal word _____ means.



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Review Answers +4 points/blank

1. (fruits)
2. (force)
3. (peace, quietness, assurance)
4. (peace, quietness, assurance)
5. (harmonious)
6. (proportioned, agreeable or balanced)
7. (obedience, peace, one)
8. (will, pleasure)
9. (rest, contentment, quietness, heart)
10. (turmoil)
11. (quietness)
12. (rest, quietness)
13. (assurance)
14. (assurance)