

The Righteousness of God Roman 3:21-26

Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

- There are a lot of things to worry about...
- In this passage, Jesus tells us not to take thought for our life.
- What to eat, what to drink, what to wear.
- He said your heavenly Father feeds the fowls of the air, ~~How much better~~ Are ye not better than the birds.
- He said that Solomon, with all his riches, and money, and glory + power, He was not clothed better than the lilies of the field which God has clothed.
- He said God knows what you needs are.....
- "God will provide your every need"
- And if God don't provide it, then you probably don't need it.
- But we spend so much time worrying about tomorrow, worrying about today, worrying about yesterday.
- And God knows there ~~are~~ is no shortage of things to worry about.
- As we say today, "Things to stress out about"
- Our kids, our jobs, our finances, our health, our country, our family. --- All those things are important, ^{God} knows.
- But Jesus said, Seek ye 1st the Kingdom of God + his Righteousness.
- We oughta get 1st things 1st. It's so easy to get off track. It's so easy set off seeking the things that God has already made provision for. I would say Amos....
- There's not a lot of people who have found the Passover's trail for God's perfect will.

- There's not a whole lot of people who are sniffing out God's will... seeking the Kingdom of God & his righteousness.
- So don't bother trying to follow somebody, because I don't believe it works quite that way.
- It says "and" not "then"
- All these things are going to happen one way or another.
- But through it all would you find the Kingdom of God & his righteousness.

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The ROG is MANIFESTED -- vs 21

Wester → To reveal; to make appear; to show plainly; to make public.

- The ROG is manifested... God has revealed man's redemption... God has showed us plainly & ~~has~~ made public his Son, Jesus Christ.
- Jesus said, Even as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up.
- Moses lifted up the brazen serpent in the wilderness for all to see. And those who would look upon it would be saved.
- Jesus was lifted up on cross for the world to see. And those who would look upon him would be saved.
- God has revealed his ~~self~~ ^{righteousness} to the world. He's showed us plainly, and made public his righteousness.

- The RCG is manifested

- I want to read you something Scotfield wrote:

"The righteousness of God is neither an attribute of God, nor the changed character of the believer, but Christ Himself....."

So the RCG is not some character of God that we must emulate, not a way of life, or a set of rules. It's not the opposite of unrighteousness acts. It's not something we must do.....

- But the RCG is Christ himself....

- So when Jesus was nailed to the Cross & Hoisted up for lost world to see, it was the RCG that was ~~manifested~~: manifested

- When we say seek ye / st the righteousness of God, what exactly are we talking about?

- He said, "Seek and ye shall find...."

- Were not on some wild goose chase

Looking for something that can't be found....

- The RCG is manifested....

Vs 22 Even the righteousness of which is by faith....

#1 The RCG is manifested

#2 The RCG is by faith....

1 John 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world, and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith....

Let me try to explain:

- "Seek ye 1st the Kingdom of God & the Righteousness of God and all these things will be added unto you."
- There's a tendency to see the ~~the~~, pursuit of God as an alternative,
- The the KOG & ROG are in a different direction that they're opposites, and one has nothing to do with the other.

KOG

ROG

Food, Rain, Money,
Family, Job, Health,
all these things

~~Seeking of God~~

- You have one on one side & one on the other and they don't have anything to do with each other, but that's not true.
- It's not a relationship of ~~contrast~~ or alternative or contrast. It's one of victory & conquest.
- Why? Because the ROG is by faith. And faith is the victory that overcomes the world.
- All the worries in this life are mostly caused by sin, by troubles, by problems, by unrighteousness.

I heard a preacher once say, "There's not a problem in the world that Jesus can't solve."

If we've truly trusted him with the eternity of our souls, why can't we trust him for tomorrow?

If Jesus solved the greatest problem we've had, our depraved, lost condition, why couldn't he solve our other problems?

- Seek up 1st the RCG & his righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you...
- He's not belittling or discrediting our issues and trials, He's solving them. He's giving us the answer to our problems...
- How so? The RCG is Jesus on that Cross.
God said I'll provide the sacrifice...
- John said "And he is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world..."
- If Jesus ~~can~~ ^{has} forgiven the sins of the world, why could you?
- Before that next trial comes down the tube...
- I guarantee you something is going to go wrong, someone is going to wrong you or someone else...
- Remember, Jesus died on a cross and shed his blood to cover that sin... isn't that what we believe?
- Isn't that what our faith is in?
- Now the just shall live by faith...

#1 RCG is manmade

#2 RCG is by Faith

#3 RCG is For ALL

Vs 22-23

Usually, this verse is preached to the lost...

- We use this verse to convince and to assure people that they're lost, they're sinners, and in need of a saviour...
- But it says ALL

— One you get saved does this verse not apply to you?
— No, it's the RCG is unto all + upon all that believe.

- But today it speaks to me as a saint...
- For all have sinned + come short of the glory of God...
- There's something I'm working on at the house...
- A classroom for the kids, the house...
- We need more room. And I work on this every chance I can, but I get down + depressed because it never seems to get done. (I wish I had your problems)
- You're looking at someone who wants to accomplish something...
- Finish a work, do something. (Paul + Alex, N/O names)
- I understand that...
- When you work + work + work + nothing ever gets finished, nothing ever gets done. You always seem to ~~be~~ short of ^{the goal} it can get you down...

But the RCG is unto all and upon all that believe...
And all have sinned and come short of the glory of God...

- I might be a failure in the eyes of man or even in my own eyes, but in the eyes of God I am covered by grace, shrouded + hid under so complete and blessed a righteousness that the Law of Moses from Mt. Sinai can find no fault or failure there in...
- That is what we call the RCG...
- And it's for all that come short...
- Jesus said, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest..."

vs 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus

- #1 RCG is Manifest #3 RCG is For All
- #2 RCG is By Faith #4 RCG is FREE

- You ever heard the saying, "There's nothing free in this world," FREE LUNCH.
- Well, the Salvation of God is not of this world...
- Jesus is not of this world... He said he wasn't
- It is free, the ROG is free for all those who want it. ... But that doesn't mean it didn't cost something...
- It didn't cost you anything, but it did cost God...
- Key words freely + redemption

- Redemption means the "paid price"
- Your justification is free because God was gracious to let someone else pay the price.....

~~It takes~~

It takes a mighty grand ticket to get to Heaven, it's one you can't afford... But Christ paid my fair. I don't have to come up with enough to go. I don't have to earn my way in... I don't have to save up... I don't have to scrimp & save. Because my ticket has already been paid... It's free for me, not because it doesn't cost, but because someone else paid...

It's free NOT because it doesn't cost, But because it cost too much... too much THAT I CAN'T AFFORD...

- The deal can't afford, sell your home, empty your pockets, trade everything you got, and it still ain't enough...
- Same thing... If you took everything that was good about you... Everything that was praiseworthy, every good deed you did... It would be like trying to pay for a Lamborghini with all the change you could scrape up at the bottom of your car seat...

- There's no way you can pay...
- Jesus said, "Except your righteousness exceed the righteousness of the Pharisees, you will in no wise enter in..."
- The Pharisees were as good as you can get... Jesus said, it's going to have to be better than that...
- God said, "I'll provide the sacrifice!"
- Thank God, Jesus paid it all...
- Flute local, that even though I come short and fall short and miss the mark... Jesus finished it on Calvary...

#1 Manner #5 The ROG is by the blood
 #2 By Faith vs 25 (LEAD)

#3 For All

#4 FREE The Bible has said, "That without the shedding of the blood, there is no remission of sins..."

Before Moses went up to Mt Sinai. (Ex 24)
 He made a sacrifice of oxen... to make atonement....
 (Lev 17) Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people and said, (Behold the blood)

It's been the blood since the beginning of time...
 The Bible says that Jesus is the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world...

- When Adam & Eve were set loose from the Garden God made them clothes of animal skins. The blood was shed and ~~they~~ ^{was} covered, shame

- And Adam taught Abel it was by the blood...
Abel brought to the LORD of the firstlings
of his flock of the fat thereof...

- And it's been the blood ever since...

- Jesus, whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation...
John uses that word λ in his 1st letter...
- He is the propitiation for our sins, ----- "

Propitiation \rightarrow to appease wrath, conciliating the favor
of an offended person.

It's Jesus' blood that appeases the wrath of God. (To reconcile, bring to a state of friendship, ~~at~~)

- Jesus said he came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance, What need do you have of a propitiation unless you've brought upon yourself the wrath of God??

That is what passed through Egypt that fateful night...
It was the wrath of God... Every 1st born would die for the sin's of Pharaoh... But it was the blood that made propitiation... Thank God for the blood...

(Rev 1:5) Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness and first begotten of the dead, and prince of the kings of the earth, Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood...

- The R.O.G is by the blood.

Rev 5:9 "And they sing a new song, saying, They are worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof; for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood."

It's still the blood that saves from sin
cleanses within
From the highest star of heaven
To the depths of the sea
It's still the blood that brings victory to me
of Jesus.

vs 25 Through the forbearance of God...

#1 Manifest

#2 By Faith

#3 FREE

#4 FREE

#5 By the BLOOD

#6. NIGH THERE

It's Nigh or Near, It's close, because
of the forbearance of God...

- The patience of God, the long-suffering
of God.

- When Peter preached on the Day
of Pentecost...

- He was fully convinced that the Day of the Lord
had come...

- The Day of Wrath, the Day of Judgment... The Most Prophesied
Event in the Bible. Almost every prophet refers to it...

- And Peter quoted Joel the prophet, when everybody was
speaking in tongues, Peter saw that and remembered what
the prophet Joel said about the Day of the Lord and
he said surely these are the last days...

- And they may have very hean, but for the forbearance of God.

- God has patiently waited these 2000 years since Jesus died on the Cross for every person in this room to be saved.

Even Paul, in his ~~private~~ writing, you can see that he believed the end was at hand.

[I Thessa 4:16-17]

- We which are alive... Paul thought he was going up in the second load.

→ Nothing in this book must be fulfilled --
- And he had every right to believe that. There's ~~nothing~~ ^{only one thing} in this book that ~~is to be fulfilled before he takes~~ ^{is kept by God from} his bride & unleashed the wrath of God.

- And the forbearance of God.

- 2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some man count slackness, but is long suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

And it's God's forbearance that brings us to this very hour if you've never been saved.

Paul said, "Know ye not that it's the goodness of God that leadeth thee to repentance."

- God's own hand has lead thee here to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ.

↓ The Word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth and in thy heart; that is the word of Faith, which we preach.

The ROG is nigh.

For w/ the heart men
believe into rightness
And with the mouth
Confession is made into
Salvation
For whosoever shall

- It's a New Year.

- Will you start another year lost & without God?

- This message may come to an end and this service may be over soon...

- But the forbearance of God endures and the Holy Ghost continues to work in the heart of men & women, young men & young women

Leading them to the Savior...