

# **RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD MANIFESTED**

**2 CORINTHIANS 5:11-17**

# **MANKINDS' DESPERATE NEED**

- **Someone **Who CAN** rescue us**
  - **A Savior from Heaven**
- **Someone **Who KNOWS HOW** to save us**
  - **With great Wisdom and Justice**
- **Someone **Who Cares** about us**
  - **With Loving Grace**

# JESUS IS OUR SAVIOR

**Gal.4:<sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law,<sup>5</sup> so that **He might redeem** those who were under the Law, that we might receive **the adoption as sons.**<sup>6</sup> **Because you are sons,** God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"**

# CHANGES TO A CHRISTIAN

- **Relationship to God:** **Children**
  - A new covenant relationship
- **Relationship to Sin:** **Dead**
  - Victory over obstacles (3) in behavior
- **Relationship to Others:** **Righteous**
  - Opposite of sinners
  - Use grace, rather than laws

# THE GOAL IS OUR SANCTIFICATION

The Righteousness of God in our hearts is lacking a righteousness in our behavior

Behavior is the appearance of righteousness.

It is the missing part to our righteousness  
SINNING, is the hypocrisy of a Christian.

Our goal is to be **perfect** or **complete** in our righteousness

Combining our Behavior with our Being.

Learn to overcome the causes of sin in us.

# RIGHTEOUSNESS MANIFESTED IN THE CHRISTIAN

Our need as a Christian is to change our behavior - **Manifest our Righteousness**  
The cause of our sins, is no longer the heart

Rather, it is the **flesh** (~~sin nature~~)  
It is the **un-renewed mind**  
It is our enemy **the devil**.

## ROMANS 7

**20 But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.**

**21 I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good. 22 For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man,**

## ROMANS 7b

<sup>23</sup> but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and **making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members.** <sup>24</sup> Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free **from the body** of this death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself **with my mind** am serving the law of God, but on the other, **with my flesh** the law of sin.

## VICTORY IS IN CHRIST

**Rom. 12:2** And do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

**Phil. 6:11** **Put on the full armor of God**, so that you will be **able to stand firm** against the **schemes of the devil**.

# RIGHTEOUSNESS MANIFESTED IN THE CHURCH

2Cor.5:<sup>11</sup> Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men, but we are made manifest to God; and I hope that **we are made manifest also in your consciences.** <sup>12</sup> We are not again commending ourselves to you but *are* giving you an occasion to be proud of us, so that you will have *an answer* for those who take pride in appearance and not in heart.

## 2 CORINTHIANS 5

<sup>13</sup> For **if we are** beside ourselves, **it is for** God; **if we are** of sound mind, **it is for** you. <sup>14</sup> For the love of Christ **controls us**, having concluded **this**, that one died for all, therefore all died; <sup>15</sup> **and** He died for all, so that they who live might **no longer live for** themselves, **but for** Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

## 2 CORINTHIANS 5b

<sup>16</sup> Therefore from now on **we recognize no one according to the flesh**; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know *Him in this way* no longer. <sup>17</sup> Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is a new creature*; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. <sup>18</sup> Now all *these things* are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ

# **THE CHURCH IS OUR GARDEN**

- **Our ministry to each other is to encourage, to exhort**
  - **Not to condemn as a sinner**
- **Our ministry to each other may be to discipline for change**
  - **Not to reject**
- **Our relationship as Christian is guided by LOVE.**
  - **This would include physical concerns**

# **THE CHRISTIANS' TABLE**

**Philippians 2:1-11**

# A COMMITMENT TO EACH OTHER

Phil.2:<sup>1</sup> Therefore **if** there is any encouragement in Christ, **if** there is any consolation of love, **if** there is any fellowship of the Spirit, **if** any affection and compassion, <sup>2</sup> make my joy complete **by being** of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

## PHILIPPIANS 2b

<sup>3</sup> **Do** nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; <sup>4</sup> do not *merely* look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> **Have this attitude** in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,

## PHILIPPIANS 2c

<sup>6</sup> who, although He existed in the form of God, **did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,** <sup>7</sup> but **emptied** Himself, [*by?*] taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> Being found in appearance as a man, He **humbled** Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.