



Messianic Christian Fellowship

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“2 Righteousness’s”

I want to talk about 2 different kinds of righteousness’s.

There is a righteousness that comes through Yeshua by faith. This righteousness can’t be earned, bought, or taken. It’s a free Gift from God. It is imputed to you. There is no way to get it on your own, it comes from God. And this is why Yeshua died for us- He took our punishment upon Himself that we deserve for breaking Gods law, and He gives us His righteousness that He earned by keeping Gods law. He is our Redeemer.

This is the moment of salvation. This is when you cry out to God to forgive you of your sins and ask for forgiveness. This is when you accept Yeshua into your heart as your Lord and Savior. This is when you put your trust in yeshua and declare that you will love, obey, and follow Him. This is your born again experience. Your Spirit comes to life and you begin to grow and mature into the believer that God intends you to be. This is like a wiping clean of the slate.

You get your slate wiped clean and Yeshua imputes His righteousness to you and you are justified in the sight of God because your fine has been paid. Now this isn’t a permanent fix- because everytime you sin you need to get your slate wiped clean again – because our sin seperates us from God! You need to be in constant communion with God and when you sin you need to repent and Yeshua will again impute His righteousness to you.

You can’t be saved without this Righteousness imputed to you through Yeshua!

Now this is the righteousness that the apostle **Paul** mainly speaks about. Although it’s not the only one, it’s the main one. Paul uses the scripture about Abraham believing God and it was imputed to him as righteousness for this argument or fact. Most believers don’t realize that there are two righteousness’s. Most believers think that this righteousness imputed to you is the finish line. But it’s not it’s the starting line, and there is another righteousness that isn’t imputed to you. It’s a righteousness that comes through a process called sanctification.

The other righteousness that isn’t imputed to you, is a righteousness that you learn. It’s learned behavior, it’s learned conduct. This righteousness comes from **learning Gods instructions and obeying them.** And there will be reward given to you from God for

this righteousness that is of your own. Although, I don't even know if that is a true statement for I can do nothing apart from Messiah and everything Good that I do is Messiah in Me and not me at all- confusing huh- sounds like Pauls writings- to darn smart for us to comprehend.

James takes the same verse that Paul uses and says that faith without works is dead. Faith without obedience to Gods commandments is a worthless faith. Your obedience to God is proof that you have the Righteousness of Messiah imputed into you.

You can't be saved by works alone, You can't be saved by your own righteousness apart from the righteousness of the Messiah which is imputed to you. However, you can't be saved without works either. You can't be saved without your own righteousness. **You need both.** We don't earn Gods love, we reciprocate Gods love. We love God because He first loved us.

Now there can be the **exception to the rule.** You can be saved without works under certain circumstances. You can be saved without your own righteousness. I like to call it the deathbed salvation. But you are risking you eternal life with God, by waiting until the last minute and you might not get a chance to talk to God and make it right. So you risk a lot by putting off getting your heart right with God and living your life for Yeshua. But the biblical example of this is the sinner on the cross next to Messiah. He cried out for Yeshua to save him and Yeshua saved him. But he will have no reward in heaven. I like to think of it like this: Say you were going to a party that lasted forever and you didn't bring a gift for the host, but everybody else did! You probably would feel horrible for as long as the party lasted.

Rom.10:2-5

Vs.3- God's righteousness imputed to you through Messiah vs. Your own righteousness.

We must subject ourselves to the righteousness that is imputed to us through Messiah- we can't be saved without it. We can't ever be saved by our own righteousness.

Vs.4- Messiah is the goal of the Law. Messiah is the fulfillment of the Law. He fulfilled the law and paid our fine and can imputed His righteousness to us as a result. He is the fulfillment of the Law.

Vs.4- believe= 4100= not just to believe, but also to be persuaded of; and hence, to place confidence in, to trust and signifies reliance upon, and not mere credence

Comes from 4102 which comes from **the root word 3982 and means Obedience** that is of the conduct and may be observed. Obedience is the only possible evidence that a man gives, that in his heart he believes God. An actual and outward result of the inward persuasion of faith.

So we can conclude that to believe is actually to obey!

To continue on the side note of to believe is to obey and to disobey is to not believe.

Cont. w/ vs.9,10 also go to –

Heb.3:12-19 unbelieving= 570= disobedient

Off the subject reading but good stuff- Heb.4 there remains a Sabbath rest

Anyway, we can easily conclude from this passage alone that there are 2 kinds of righteousness's- one that comes from God through Yeshua and one that comes from keeping the Law of God.

Righteousness Imputed: Eph.2:8,9 / Luke 23:39-43 / Gen.15:6

Righteousness Earned: Luke 1:6 // I Jn.3:7,8 / 2 Sam.22:21,25

Pauls points on Righteousness Imputed:

Gen.15:6

Vs.6- believed=539=To trust, to be permanent, to be true, to endure, to be faithful. It indicates a subject that is lasting or enduring.

This wasn't mere credence that Abraham knew God existed. This is talking about a long lasting relationship of Obedience- as Abraham already demonstrated by leaving his home when God called him and he followed Gods instructions.

Righteousness= 6666 from 6663 = To be right with God.

How can we be right with God? By obeying His instructions, Law, Torah, commandments.

Rom.4:1-11

Vs.2 – none of us can boast before God; for the righteousness that cometh by the law only amounts to filthy rags in the whole scheme of things

Vs.4- We all owe God our love, our works, our obedience- none of us are doing God a favor

Vs.5- I'm not too sure what Paul is talking about here. First of all we know that Abraham did many works and obeyed God. Secondly maybe the reference to work is a reference to becoming a proselyte or possibly keeping the commandments of men rather than Gods commandments. Thirdly the root action of the word believes means to obey- so then with that understanding it still means that the one who obeys God his faith is reckoned as righteousness.

Vs.11- What did Abrahams faith lead him to do? Works of the flesh! He was circumcised after he was reckoned as righteous! He laid Isaac on the altar after He was reckoned as righteous! His faith led him to works! (Gal.3:3) Are you so foolish as having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? Paul usually asks questions but then answers them, here he doesn't answer- So I answer and say Yes, just as Abraham started in the spirit and was perfected by or in the flesh- yes, so am I. Gen17:2 walk before Me, and be perfect- this was after Gen.15 and righteousness imputed and before circumcision in the flesh!

Phil.3:9 you must be careful when you read pauls writings- it's so easy to twist them to lawlessness- if you read this it looks like Paul doesn't have a righteousness from obedience to the law, right?

But if you **back up to vs.6-** you will see that paul kept the law and even said he would be found above reproach!

His point is not to put your trust in yourself or in your own righteousness- but to put your trust in Yeshua. He's in no way saying don't keep the law- he is saying don't put confidence in your flesh.

WE obey God because we love Him, not because we can earn salvation.

Pauls points on Righteousness Earned:

Rom.6:15- 23

Vs.16- You are a slave to whom you obey, either you break Gods law resulting in death; or you keep Gods law resulting in righteousness.

Titus 2:11-14 –

Vs.12 – Deny ungodliness= 763 = wickedness = a syn. Of 458 and 93 which means lawlessness!

458= Disregard for Gods laws; or defiance of Gods laws; to transgress the Law of God

This word ungodliness comes from 765 and means with out reverence for God; acting in contravention of Gods demands. Contravention is acting counter too or in violation of or in opposition too.

Vs.12- Live Righteously = 1346 To be in accordance with what is (divinely-me) right

1346 is from 1342 and means right conduct when judged by the divine standard (Gods Law-me)

Rom.7:13-The Law is holy, good, and righteous. This is the same idea as Ps.119:172 All thy commandments are righteousness!

Vs.13- righteous is 1342 (KJV Just) it means right conduct when judged by the divine standard (Gods Law- me). It is the root word of righteousness 1343.

Amazing! The NT says Gods Law is Righteousness!

James point on Righteousness Earned:

James 2:14-26

Vs.22- works = obedience to God

As a result of the works- faith is perfected

In contrast to Romans 4:5 it would appear that James is talking about a righteousness that comes from works and Paul was talking about a righteousness that comes from God through faith in Yeshua. Both are right, they go hand in hand to work out our salvation!

Yeshua's Take:

Math.5:20- Your righteousness

How can **our righteousness** exceed the righteousness of the Pharisees?

Well to start with the Pharisees were adding to the commandments of God, in Yeshua's day. Also they were depending solely on the righteousness that comes from keeping the commandments of God and not the righteousness that comes from God through the Messiah.

Today the Pharisees are taking away from the commandments of God and trying to take the KOG by force. Also they are depending solely on the righteousness that comes from God through Yeshua and they walk in disobedience to Gods commandments which Hebrews called unbelief. So in Gods reality- they don't really believe.

Yeshua said, If you love Me Obey me, If you love Me then Keep My Commandments!

Our righteousness can exceed the righteousness of the Pharisees by not trusting in our self and in our flesh, but trusting in Yeshua to impute His righteousness to us. And also by keeping the commandments of God without adding too or taking away from them.

Closing:

We not only learned that there still remains a Sabbath rest for us to enter into in the New Testament. But we learned that to obey Gods commands is to believe and to disobey Gods commands is to not believe. We learned that there are 2 kinds of righteousness's. One that is imputed to you through Yeshua by faith and trust in Him for paying your penalty for sin and that you must act upon that faith by repenting, by confessing and forsaking your sin. We also learned that there is a righteousness that is earned by you through the process of sanctification- that is by learning Gods commandments and walking in obedience to them.

WE can't be saved without the righteousness of Yeshua imputed to us. And yet we need the fruit of our own righteousness as the only possible evidence that we are saved. WE need to obey Gods instructions.

Lets take some time to pray, repent, confess our sins and forsake them.

WE learned that we need Yeshua to wipe the slate clean for us every time we sin, it's not a once in a life time and done deal. It's a constant communion with the Lord of the universe.