THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD

Jesus said, “No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other: or else he will hold to the one and despise the other. Ye cannot serve GOD and mammon.” (Matthew 6:24)

MAMMON: material wealth or possessions (Webster’s seventh New Collegiate Dictionary)

Jesus said, “Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” (Matthew 6:19-21)

“And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?

[“And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? There is none good but one, that is GOD: but if thou wilt enter into life keep the commandments. He saith unto him, which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, thou shalt not commit adultery, thou shalt not steal, thou shalt not bear false witness, honour thy father and thy mother: and thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet?” (Matthew 17:17-20)]

Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, one thing thou lackest {“If thou wilt be perfect.” (Matthew 19:21)}; go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me. And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions. And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of GOD! And his disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of GOD! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, then for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of GOD. And they were astonished out of measure, and saying among themselves, Who then can be saved? And Jesus looking upon them, saith, with men it is impossible, but not with GOD: for with GOD all things are possible.” (Mark 10:17-27)

Jesus said, “Fear not, little flock: for it is your FATHER’S good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that falleth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” (Luke 12:32-34)
Paul said, "If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness: he is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after RIGHTEOUSNESS, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called." (1 Timothy 6:3-12)

Jesus said, “Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly FATHER feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they toil not, neither do they spin: and yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if GOD so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall HE not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? For after all these things do the Gentiles seek: {“For all these things do the nations of the world seek after.” (Luke 12:30)} for your heavenly FATHER knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of GOD, and HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS; and all these things shall be added unto you.” (Matthew 6:24-33)

Jesus said, “The kingdom of GOD cometh not with observation: neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for behold, the kingdom of GOD is within you.” (Luke 17:20-21)

Jesus said, “For I say unto you, That except your RIGHTEOUSNESS shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:20)

Paul said, “Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to GOD for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of GOD, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of GOD’S RIGHTEOUSNESS, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD.” (Romans 10:1-3)
Paul said, “That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of GOD the FATHER.” (Philippians 2:10-11)

Paul said, “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that GOD hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto RIGHTEOUSNESS; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” (Romans 10:9-10)

Paul said, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of GOD unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

[Jesus told his disciples, “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.” (Mark 16:15-16)

Believe what? “THE GOSPEL”]

For therein is the RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.” (Romans 1:16-17)

“Even the RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe.” (Romans 3:22)

Again Believe what, “THE GOSPEL”

Paul said, “Though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.” (Galatians 1:8)

Jesus said, “If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.” (Luke 9:23)

Jesus said, “And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.” (Matthew 10:38)

Jesus said, “And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.” (Luke 14:27)

Paul said, “For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.” (Philippians 3:18)

Paul said, “But GOD forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.” (Galatians 6:14)

Paul said, “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of GOD, who loved me, and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20)
“My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you.” (Galatians 4:19)

Paul said, “Be not deceived; GOD is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.” (Galatians 6:7-8)

Paul said, “Therefore, brethren, we are debtors not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.” (Romans 8:12-13)

“Paul said, “Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: for which things' sake the wrath of GOD cometh on the children of disobedience: in the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.” (Colossians 3:5-7)

“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of GOD? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of GOD.” (1 Corinthians 6:9-10)

“For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of GOD. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of GOD upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them. For ye were sometimes darkness.” (Ephesians 5:5-8)

“Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: among whom also we all had our conversation in time past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.” (Ephesians 2:2-3)

“And they that are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.” (Galatians 5:24)

Paul said, “That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; and be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that That ye put on the new man, which after GOD is created in RIGHTEOUSNESS and TRUE HOLINESS.” (Ephesians 4:22-24)

Paul said, “I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of GOD, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, HOLY, acceptable unto GOD, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of GOD.” (Romans 12:1-2)
Paul told Titus, “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to HIS mercy HE saved us, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost; which HE shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; that being justified by HIS grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.” (Titus 3:5-7)

Paul said, “put on The new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him.” (Colossians 3:10)

“Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.” (Romans 13:14)

Jesus said, “I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit:

[“Being filled with the fruits of RIGHTEOUSNESS, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the GLORY and praise of GOD.” (Philippians 1:11)]

for without me ye can do nothing.

[“Abide in me, and I in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.” (John 15:4)]

If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my FATHER GLORIFIED, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.” (John 15:6-8)

Jesus said, “I am the true vine, and my FATHER is the HUSBANDMAN. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit HE taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, HE purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.” (John 15:1-2)

Paul said, “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new.” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

“For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.” (Galatians 6:15)

Jesus said, “Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of GOD. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

[Paul said, “There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul: (“Adam, which was the son of GOD.” (Luke 3:38)) The last Adam was made a quickening spirit. Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such
are they also that are earthy, and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.” (1 Corinthians 15:44-49)

“The Lord Jesus Christ: who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his GLORIOUS body.” (Philippians 3:21)

“My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you.” (Galatians 4:19)

Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.” (John 3:5-7)

Jesus said, “Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of GOD.” (John 3:3)

“The invisible GOD.” (Colossians 1:15)

For Jesus said “GOD is a Spirit.” (John 4:24)

“No man hath seen GOD at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the FATHER, he hath declared HIM.” (John 1:18)

“Saying, I will declare THY name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto THEE. And again, I will put my trust in HIM. And again, Behold I and the children which GOD hath given me.” (Hebrews 2:12-13)

John said, “We know that whosoever is born of GOD sinneth not; but he that is begotten of GOD keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.” (1 John 5:18)

John also said, “Whosoever is born of GOD doth not commit sin; for HIS seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of GOD. In this the children of GOD are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not RIGHTEOUSNESS is not of GOD, neither he that loveth not his brother.” (1 John 3:9-10)

John also said, “Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth RIGHTEOUSNESS is RIGHTEOUS, even as he is RIGHTEOUS. He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of GOD was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.” (1 John 3:7-8)

“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.” (1 John 1:8)

“If we say that we have not sinned, we make HIM a liar, and HIS word is not in us.” (1 John 1:10)

“If we confess our sins, HE is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)

“Herein is love, not that we loved GOD, but that HE loved us, and sent HIS Son to be the propitiation for our sins.” (1 John 4:10)
“And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for our’s only, but also for the sins of the whole world.” (1 John 2:2)

“Being justified freely by HIS grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: whom GOD hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood.” (Romans 3:24-25)

“And the blood of Jesus Christ HIS Son cleanseth us from all sin.” (1 John 1:7)

“HIS dear Son: in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.” (Colossians 1:13-14)

John said, “And we know that he {Jesus} was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.” (1 John 3:5-6)

Paul said, “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, GOD sending HIS own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: that the RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THE LAW might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against GOD: for it is not subject to the law of GOD, neither indeed can be.” (Romans 8:1-7)

James said, “Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with GOD? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of GOD.” (James 4:4)

John said, “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the FATHER is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the FATHER, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of GOD abideth for ever.” (1 John 2:15-17)

Paul said, “Seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of GOD. set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth.” (Colossians 3:1-2)

Again, Paul said, “I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of GOD, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, HOLY, acceptable unto GOD, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of GOD.” (Romans 12:1-2)
“And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children. My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: for whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, GOD dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the FATHER chasteneth not?

[Even Jesus, “Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered:]

[“For it became HIM, for WHOM are all things, and by WHOM are all things, in bringing many sons unto GLORY, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.” (Hebrews 2:10)]

And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.” (Hebrews 5:8-9)

But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection to the FATHER of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure: but HE for our profit, that we might be partakers of HIS HOLINESS. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruits of RIGHTEOUSNESS unto them which are exercised thereby.” (Hebrews 1:5-11)

“RIGHTEOUSNESS unto HOLINESS.” (Romans 6:19)

“The soul that sinneth, it shall die.” (Ezekiel 18:4, 20)

Jesus said, “For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?” (Mark 8:36-37)

“But GOD commendeth HIS love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)

“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of GOD is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” (Romans 6:23)

“These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, FATHER, the hour is come; GLORIFY THY Son, that THY Son also may GLORIFY THEE:

[Jesus said, “And now O FATHER, GLORIFY THOU me with THINE OWN SELF with the GLORY which I had with THEE before the world was.” (John 17:5)]

as THOU hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as THOU hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know THEE the only true GOD, and Jesus Christ, whom THOU hast sent.” (John 17:1-3)

“The Beloved. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of HIS grace.” (Ephesians 1:6-7)
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“That being justified by HIS grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.” (Titus 3:7)

“In hope of eternal life, which GOD, that cannot lie, promised before the world began.” (Titus 1:2)

“GOD: WHO will render to every man according to his deeds: to them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for GLORY and honour and immortality, eternal life.” (Romans 2:5-7)

“GOD: WHO hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling not according to our works, but according to HIS own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began but is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.” (2 Timothy 1:8-10)

Paul said, “For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.” (Romans 8:2)

“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.

[“For there is no difference: for all have sinned, and come short of the GLORY of GOD.” (Romans 3:22-23)]

For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam’s transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of GOD, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. 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. Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the RIGHTEOUSNESS of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made RIGHTEOUS. Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound.

[“Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before GOD. Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in HIS sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.” (Romans 3:19-20)]

“For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto GOD.” (Hebrews 7:19)
“For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, GOD sending HIS own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: that the **RIGHTeousness of the Law** might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.” (Romans 8:3-4)

But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: that as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through **RIGHTeousness** unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.” (Romans 5:12-21)

“Our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.” (2 Timothy 1:10)

“The gospel of Christ: for it is the power of GOD unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the **RIGHTeousness of GOD** revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.” (Romans 1:16-17)

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“Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, Strive to enter in at the strait gate {“The gates of **RIGHTeousness**, ” (Psalm 118:19): for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

[“For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.” (Philippians 3:18-19)]

Because strait is the gate {“This gate of the Lord, into which the **RIGHTeous** shall enter.” (Psalm 118:19)} and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life,

[“In the way of **RIGHTeousness** is life; and in the pathway thereof there is no death.” (Proverbs 12:28)]

and few there be that find it.” (Matthew 7:13-14)