Where Do You Stand: Righteousness

May 30, 2021

<u>Day 1</u>

READ: Galatians 2:20

REFLECT: It's through Jesus's ultimate sacrifice that we are offered something we don't deserve – eternal life with him in Heaven. This incredible gift is available to us only through God's grace. We are made new in Jesus. What does this passage teach you about your identity in Christ?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: In your quiet time today, take a moment to do some self-reflection. Are you living like someone transformed by God's grace? In the spirit of confession, offer up to God the areas in your life that you aren't reflecting Him in your thoughts, actions, words, or deeds. Pray a prayer of repentance and ask that God continue to transform you in all ways.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

LISTEN: I Am Who You Say I Am, Hillsong Worship

REFLECT: As you listen to this song, pay close attention to the descriptive words used to describe who you are in Christ.

PRACTICE: Read <u>Psalm 139:14</u>. Continue with your own prayer starting with "I praise you for I am..." and praise God using specific words to describe the unique person he has made YOU to be.

Day 2-

READ: Romans 5:1-5

REFLECT: Jesus's death and resurrection opens us up to an entirely new kind of existence. Those who put their faith in Jesus are no longer bound by sin and death. According to this passage, what do believers now have as a result of their faith? How have those things changed your life?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: This scripture calls us to "rejoice!" Use your quiet time today to rejoice in how Jesus has changed your life.

<u>Day 3</u>-

READ: Galatians 5:25

REFLECT: In his sermon this week, Pastor Scott talked about how sin and holiness can't coexist. The good news for us is that Jesus came to earth and died so that we might be extended the fullness of God's grace. In the book of Galatians chapter 5, Paul is reminding the church of what Christ death means. He's outlining the freedom from sin that is available to us through Jesus. What insight does this passage give about how we are to live? What does it look like to you to live that way?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: In your prayer time today, pray for wisdom and discernment so that you can keep in step with the spirit. Highlight this verse in your Bible, or <u>Bible App</u>, or write it down somewhere so that throughout this week you can be reminded to live by the Spirit and in step with the Spirit.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

READ: "6 Ways We Experience the Presence of the Holy Spirit" from the Gospel Coalition

REFLECT: Of the six ways, which ways do you feel you've experienced the Holy Spirit? What did it feel like? How can you "hold them all loosely"?

PRACTICE: Take a moment to thank God for the ways that He guides you and protects you through the Holy Spirit.

<u>Day 4</u>-

READ: <u>Isaiah 41:10</u>

REFLECT: Throughout this book, the Prophet Isaiah is introducing and outlining God's plan for grace over a nation of people who have been riddled with rebellion and disobedience. Isaiah says God plans to have grace over his chosen people even though they don't deserve it. It will be through this grace that God will reveal himself and it will bring more people to faith in Him. In this particular passage, what is God speaking through Isaiah? When you consider that God is offering to "strengthen," "help," and "uphold" a nation who has turned their backs on him, how does that open your eyes to his love for you?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: God loves you! As you pray today, humbly ask Him to "strengthen," "help," and "uphold" you in the areas of your life where you need it most. End your prayer with the declaration, "You strengthen me. You help me. You uphold me." Speak those truths over yourself and live in the fullness of God's love.

<u>Day 5</u>-

READ: 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

REFLECT: One of the ways Pastor Scott taught us that we can live in God's grace is to look to Jesus. In order to do that, we need to find ourselves in the position of surrender. Surrender means that you're submitting to God's authority over your life. It happens with a "yes" to Jesus and intentionally walking with him through life, one day at a time. How do the words that Paul wrote in this passage inspire you to surrender to Jesus? How does Paul describe God's grace over his life?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: In your quiet time, say a prayer of surrender to Jesus for TODAY. Focus on asking for sufficient wisdom, grace, and patience to live through this day as an act of surrender. As you pray, take a prayer posture that is comfortable to you (maybe hands raised, or hands up) as a way to open both your heart and your physical body to God's leading for today.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

READ: "I Am Completely Surrendered to Christ" from Desiring God

REFLECT: According to this interview with Pastor John Piper, what are the three steps toward full assurance? Do you need to take one of those steps?

PRACTICE: If you feel that you need to take a step of assurance, do so today. Invite your spouse, or a close friend, or mentor to pray with you and for you.