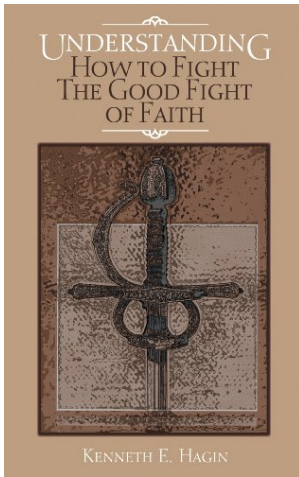


Understanding Series #2

Understanding Your “Righteousness” Before God

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Kenneth Hagin:

The greatest enemy or hindrance to faith is a lack of understanding of God’s Word, because faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. When people pray for faith it’s really knowledge of God’s Word they need, because we cannot have faith beyond our actual knowledge of God’s Word. As soon as the light of God’s Word shines in the heart of man, faith comes. When you have knowledge of God’s Word - you have faith.

The lack of understanding “righteousness”, or our right standing with God is one of these hindrances to our faith. A lack of understanding of what righteousness is and what privileges righteousness gives to the believers hold more Christians in bondage than any other thing. Righteousness is one of the most misunderstood subjects in the Bible.

Romans 10:10

For with the heart man believes UNTO righteousness.

Romans 5:17

For if by one man’s (Adam) offense, death reigned by or through that one, MUCH MORE they who receive the abundance of grace and the GIFT of righteousness, shall reign IN LIFE (NOW) by one man, Jesus Christ.

What is the New Birth worth? When you received Jesus and were born again, you received the GIFT of righteousness.

The BIBLE SAYS righteousness is a GIFT.

Too often we have associated righteousness with good works.

Another fallacy about righteousness is that we thought we had to grow into some kind of ‘high’ spiritual state in order to be righteous.

Ahhhh, but did you know you can grow in the Lord and develop spiritually but you CANNOT GROW in righteousness.

Lack of understanding my right standing with god almost cost me my physical life. It almost caused me to die prematurely. (See Bro. Hagin's testimony Pg. 43-50)

YOU are BORN RIGHTEOUS when you are BORN AGAIN!

Romans 10:10

Amplified: For with the heart a person believes [in Christ as Savior] resulting in his justification [that is, being made righteous—being freed of the guilt of sin and made acceptable to God]; and with the mouth he acknowledges and confesses [his faith openly], resulting in and confirming [his] salvation.

Disciples Literal: For it is believed with the heart resulting-in righteousness, and it is confessed with the mouth resulting in salvation

Good News: For it is by our faith that we are put right with God

Phillips: For it is believing in the heart that makes a man righteous before God, and it is stating his belief by his own mouth that confirms his salvation. And the scripture says: 'Whoever believes on him will not be put to shame'.

Message: With your whole being you embrace God setting things right, and then you say it, right out loud: "God has set everything right between him and me!"

2 Corinthians 5:21

The Living Bible: For God took the sinless Christ and poured into him our sins. Then, in exchange, he poured God's goodness into us!

Wycliffe: God the Father made him sin for us, which knew not sin, that we should be made [the] rightwiseness of God in him.

Made: Greek poieo/phrase 'he hath made'
To make/to do/to perform/to be the author of

To be continued in Understanding Series #3
*(Understanding YOUR righteousness is so important
and tears down so many religious/traditional ideas of what righteousness is, we
are going to continue this
subject.)*