

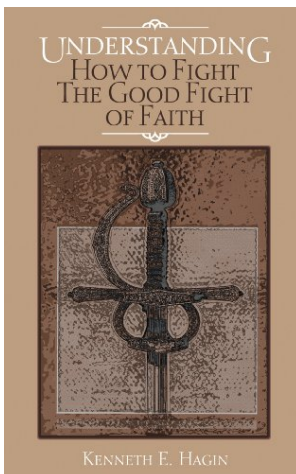
## Understanding Series #3: Righteousness Pt. 2

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2 Corinthians 5:21: For God took the sinless Christ and poured into him our sins. Then, in exchange, he poured God's goodness into us.

Romans 5:17: For if by one man (Adam's) 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 your New Birth worth? When you received Jesus and were born again, you received the GIFT of righteousness.



Reading from K. Hagin: Understanding How To Fight The Good Fight of Faith  
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- All those who are newly born again into the Kingdom of God are just as righteous in the sight of God as older saints who have been born again and living for God for 50 or 60 years.
- We have right standing with God not because of what WE did but because of what JESUS did! Right standing with God is a gift! We have received the GIFT of righteousness in Christ Jesus!
- You'll not have any better standing with God when you get to heaven than you do right now.

**Being made righteous is a result of being justified(having your record cleared):**

**Romans 3:21-26**

Phillips: God's new plan—righteousness by faith, not through the Law 21-26 But now we are seeing the righteousness of God declared quite apart from the Law (though amply testified to by both Law and Prophets)—it is a righteousness imparted to, and operating in, all who have faith in Jesus Christ. (For there is no distinction to be made anywhere: everyone has sinned, everyone falls short of the beauty of God's plan.) Under this divine system a man who has faith is now freely acquitted in the eyes of God by his generous dealing in the redemptive act of Jesus Christ. God has appointed him as the means of propitiation, a propitiation accomplished by the shedding of his blood, to be received and made effective in ourselves by faith. God has done this to demonstrate his righteousness both by the wiping out of the sins of the past (the time when he withheld his hand), and by showing in the present time that he is a just God and that he justifies every man who has faith in Jesus Christ.

**Romans 5:17-21**

Phillips: 17 For if one man's offense meant that men should be slaves to death all their lives, it is a far greater thing that through another man, Jesus Christ, men by their acceptance of his more than sufficient grace and righteousness, should live all their lives like kings!

18-19 We see, then, that as one act of sin exposed the whole race of men to God's judgment and condemnation, so one act of perfect righteousness presents all men freely acquitted in the sight of God. One man's disobedience placed all men under the threat of condemnation, but one man's obedience has the power to present all men righteous before God.

Grace is a bigger thing than the Law

20-21 Now we find that the Law keeps slipping into the picture to point the vast extent of sin. Yet, though sin is shown to be wide and deep, thank God his grace is wider and deeper still! The whole outlook changes—sin used to

be the master of men and in the end handed them over to death: now grace is the ruling factor, with righteousness as its purpose and its end the bringing of men to the eternal life of God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**Authority over Satan is the reality of those who have been made righteous.**

**1 John 4:4**

Amplified: Little children (believers, dear ones), you are of God and you belong to Him and have [already] overcome them [the agents of the antichrist]; because He who is in you is greater than he (Satan) who is in the world [of sinful mankind].

Young's literal: Ye -- of God ye are, little children, and ye have overcome them; because greater is He who [is] in you, than he who is in the world.

**Benefits of Being Made Righteous:**

- Reigning in Life (Romans 5:21)
- Authority over Satan (1 John 4:4)

**Act on what you know!**

**James 2:26**

Amplified: For just as the [human] body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works [of obedience] is also dead.

Common English: Anyone who doesn't breathe is dead, and faith that doesn't do anything is just as dead!

## **Maintaining unbroken fellowship with the Father**

### **1 John 1:9**

Amplified Classic: If we [freely] admit that we have sinned and confess our sins, He is faithful and just (true to His own nature and promises) and will forgive our sins [dismiss our lawlessness] and [continuously] cleanse us from all unrighteousness [everything not in conformity to His will in purpose, thought, and action].

### **1 John 2:1&2**

King James: My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: 2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.