

Dear Friends in Christ:

Praise the Name of Jesus Who is our Righteousness.

I know is sounds strange to say that righteousness is a person so I would like to clear up the matter. When I begin to teach on righteousness there are those who immediately feel disqualified because the don't think they are righteous. For instance; When I quote the verse: "Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." JAM 5:16, they say, well that leaves me out.

That would be true if we were depending on our righteousness but the Scripture tell us that our "righteousness is as filthy rags."

Most of the confusion comes from the fact that they don't understand what righteousness is. Righteousness is the meeting of the demands of a relationship. The relationship between God and man was broken when Adam sinned. The relationship with God was restored through Jesus. Because of the sin of Adam, sin came upon all of mankind. Through Jesus, the sin is removed, and we are once again restored back to right relationship with God.

ROM 5:17 For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)

The Good News (Gospel) is in the fact that Righteousness was God's idea and not ours. In the plan of God, Jesus was crucified before man ever sinned.

All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. Rev. 13:8.

Not only was righteousness God's idea, but by faith Jesus prayed it into existence: "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me."

John 17:20-23

"O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. "And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

John 17:25-26

I pray that righteousness will reign supreme in you life today. Thanks again for your love, prayers, and support. May God bless you richly.

Yours in Christ, ><>wayne<><