

1-The 10 Pillars Of Christ Series[Righteousness By Faith]
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What does Jesus want us to seek after?

Matthew 6:33

33 But **seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness**; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Seek(GREEK)zēteō

Thayer Definition:

- 1) to seek in order to find
 - 1a) **to seek a thing**
 - 1b) to seek [in order to find out] by thinking, meditating, reasoning, to enquire into
 - 1c) to seek after, seek for, aim at, **strive after**
- 2) to seek, i.e. require, demand
 - 2a) **to crave, demand something from someone**

What does Jesus pronounce on those who crave the righteousness of God?

Matthew 5:6

6 **Blessed** are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Hunger(GREEK)peinaō

Thayer Definition:

- 1) to hunger, be hungry
 - 1a) to suffer want
 - 1b) **to be needy**
- 2) **metaphorically to crave ardently, to seek with eager desire**

Hunger(GREEK)peinaō

Strong's Definition: To Famish

Thirst(GREEK)dipsaō

Thayer Definition:

- 1) to suffer thirst, suffer from thirst
 - 1a) **figuratively, those who are said to thirst who painfully feel their want of, and eagerly long for, those things by which the soul is refreshed, supported, strengthened**

Very Important! What type of righteousness must we hunger and thirst after?

2 Classes Of Worshipers

1st Class- Luke 18:11-12

1. The Pharisee represents a class in the church who because of their status think that they are better than others.
2. This class also represents those who have no genuine love for souls[Luke 7:36-39, Luke 15:1-2]

This class also represents those who trust in their own righteousness & believe their good works apart from Christ will save them

Man's true condition

Romans 3:23

23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Romans 5:12

12 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:

Romans 6:23

23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sin=Breaking God's law

1 John 3:4

4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

No Law=No Sin

Romans 4:15

15 Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.

When we sin we are under the penalty of the law.

Can our works save us from the penalty of sin?

Galatians 3:11

11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.

Romans 3:20

20 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.

Ephesians 2:8-9

8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Romans 10:1-3

1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

2 For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

3 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.

Isaiah 64:6

6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

Our works will not save us from the wages of sin

Our ONLY Hope

Romans 6:23

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Learning from Paul's experience-Philippians 3:4-9

3. The 1st Class Neglects true Medical Missionary Work- Isaiah 58:1-7, 9-10, 12-13

Matthew 23:23

23 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

It is impossible for you to fully see your need of Christ's righteousness without being involved in His work

Behind the profession of the 1st class what does God see?

Proverbs 30:12

12 There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness.

Isaiah 65:1-5

Does God's professed people have the same condition in these last days? Revelation 3:14-17

A Desolate House

“**Those who claim to believe the truth do not possess that power that God would bestow upon them if they really believed,** and were striving for conformity to His image. **The church is in the Laodicean state. The presence of God is not in her midst.** If Christ were formed within, the hope of glory, conformity to His image would be seen, and the church trials which separate the members from Christ would disappear. . . .” {1 Notebook Leaflets 99.4}

Sin is no joking matter, is it in you? Romans 7:7-11

Hebrews 3:13

13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

Jeremiah 17:9-10

9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

10 I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

Proverbs 28:26

26 He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.

Mark 7:1-9, 14-23

How deep does Jesus see sin? Matthew 5:20-22, 27-30

Practicing or Non-Practicing adultery is still sin. Are churches disagreeing with Christ?

Many churches of Babylon and Laodecian churches believe by their teachings and actions that you can still live in sin and make it in the kingdom of heaven. That Jesus will save us IN our sins.

2 Classes in the church-Luke 15:11-32

The Elder son in the parable of the prodigal son in Luke 15 falls in the same category of the 1st class in Luke 18. He represents a class who have been in the church for so long yet have never had a genuine experience with Christ. Like the elder son they despise their brethern and harbor envy and jealousy towards them when they should be given love and support for those who need it. They think their profession of truth without experiencing and living the truth will save them.

2 Classes in the church-Matthew 21:28-31

The son who said I go sir but did not go represents those who profess to be in service for God and profess obedience but in lifestyle they are in disobedience. He praised God with his lips but in action he was living in sinful disobedience. He was lukewarm, he falls in the category of the 1st class in Luke 18.

What is the first step we must take in order to experience cleansing from sin?

Matthew 11:28-30

28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Come How? Both classes came? 2nd Class- Luke 18:13

1. The 2nd class represented as a Publican(Tax Collector) comes to God in a attitude of humility & submission

Psalms 40:12

12 For innumerable evils have compassed me about: mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, **so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore my heart faileth me.**

James 4:7-10

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness.

10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

2. The 2nd class represented as a Publican(Tax Collector) comes to God in in recognizing his true condition as a sinner & his need of a savior. He humbly confesses his sin to God in faith believing God will forgive and cleanse him. He shows true sorrow for sin.[Psalm 51:1-4]

Psalm 34:18 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Psalm 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

2 Corinthians 7:10-11

10 **For godly sorrow worketh repentance** to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

11 For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.

1 John 1:9

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

3. The 2nd class represented as a Publican(Tax Collector) after humbly confessing His sin to God experiences Justification by faith.[Luke 18:14]

Justified(GREEK)dikaioō

From G1342; to **render (that is, show or regard as) just or innocent: - free, justify (-ier), be righteous.**

Romans 5:1

1 Therefore being **justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

Romans 4:5

5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

Romans 3:24

24 Being **justified freely by his grace** through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

Does grace give me the liberty to continue on in sin?

Salvation FROM Sin NOT In Sin

Matthew 1:21

21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

After coming to Christ in total surrender and confession of sin a change must take place

Romans 6:1-6, 12-15

Titus 2:11-12

11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

What did Christ say to those who He healed from diseases due to their sin?

John 5:14

14 Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.

What did Christ say to the woman caught in adultery which changed her life when she knew she deserved death?

John 8:10-11

10 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?

11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: **go, and sin no more.**

2 Corinthians 5:17

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, **he is a new creature: old things are passed away;** behold, all things are become new.

We Must live holy lives after experiencing justification by faith:

1 Peter 1:15-16

15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

Holy(GREEK)hagios

From ἅγιος hagios (an *awful* thing) compare G53, [H2282]; **sacred (physically pure, morally blameless or religious, ceremonially consecrated):** - (most) holy (one, thing), **saint.**

What did Jesus say we must be?

Matthew 5:48

48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Is Living a holy life(Sanctification) also living a life of faith as Justification?

Acts 26:18 To open their eyes, *and* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

How is our faith revealed? James 2:19-26

We have to be totally depended on God at every step of the way!

Philippians 2:12-13

12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

John 15:5

5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

Philippians 4:13

13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

1 Corinthians 15:57

57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jeremiah 33:16 In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this *is the name* wherewith she shall be called, **The LORD our righteousness.**

Jeremiah 51:10 **The LORD hath brought forth our righteousness:** come, and let us declare in Zion the work of the LORD our God.

Revelation 19:7-8

7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

8 And to her(the church=the faithful people of God) was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: **for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.**

What is the tool we need in these last days to instruct us on how to live righteously & empower us to live clean, holy lives?

2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

John 5:39

39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

John 15:3

3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

John 17:17

17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

Psalms 119:11

11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Time is running out! Jesus is soon to come and what does He want His people to be when He comes?

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Ephesians 5:25-27

25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Earlier Question repeated:

What type of righteousness must we hunger and thirst after?

Righteousness By Faith Or Righteousness by Works

We must hunger after Righteousness by faith...

Whose Faith?

Revelation 14:12

12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

Philippians 3:9

9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, **but that which is through the faith of Christ**, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

Romans 3:22

22 Even the righteousness of God **which is by faith of Jesus Christ** unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

The life that Christ lived, His faith that He has as the Son of man in God made it possible for you and I to experience righteousness by having faith in Him, and depending on Him..Christ life in prayer, study of the word, resisting temptation, vigilance, watchfulness, evangelistic we too can live! But we have to take up our cross die to self and surrender all to God!

1 John 2:6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

The Faith OF Jesus & Faith IN Jesus are 2 different things.... Faith in Christ is believing in His power to save us..The Faith Of Christ is living a life like Christ lived while on this earth!

1 Peter 2:21

21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, **leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:**

Will You surrender all to Christ?Acts 2:38

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.