

RIGHTEOUS BEFORE GOD

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If we want to have any hope of heaven we certainly understand that we must be righteous before God. One verse can help teach us how this is accomplished.

“And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless” (Luke 1:6).

This verse is speaking of the future parents of John the baptist. The Holy Spirit says they were “righteous before God.” What made them so? The answer, Simply put, is that they obeyed God. They walked in and kept the Lord’s commandments!

Zacharias and Elizabeth lived under the Law of Moses, but the prescription for righteousness is the same for those of us living under in Gospel times. Thanks to man-made doctrines such as Calvinism, obedience has become an ugly word in religion.

Regardless of what men teach, the Bible still limits the Lord’s authorship of salvation to those who “*Obey Him*” (Hebrews 5:8-9). One cannot be right with God (Righteous) without obedience to His will, to the Lord’s doctrine! The disobedient will face eternal punishment (2 Ths 1:7-9). 🔍

Welcome to our services and thank you for visiting. If you have any questions about our beliefs or practices, please don’t hesitate to ask.

God has not only commanded us to worship Him, but has also told us how, in His word. **The elements of our services, as prescribed by God’s word, are as follows:**

- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD’S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



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- Weekly Article: Rutherford Reader
- 3rd Sunday Singing Practice: 5 pm
- 4th Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- Radio program on wgns. 15 minute sermon every Sunday morning from 10:45 - 11:00.
- 5th Sunday Men’s Training Class, 4:30 pm. Prayer Service, 6 pm
- Men’s Business Meeting. 1st Sunday evenings following services.



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“They...searched the scriptures daily...” –Acts 17:11

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THE RAISING OF THE DEAD

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Halloween time is the season in which the raising of the dead is a popular subject. “Zombie” movies, grotesque as they are, continue to be very popular and successful. Interestingly, there was an occasion when God raised several “Saints” from the dead at the death of Jesus. Take a moment to read Matthew 27:51-53. Why did God raise these saints? Consider...

God’s Purpose. Matthew didn’t reveal God’s purpose in raising these dead saints, but I can’t believe that He did it with no purpose in mind. One cannot read through the Bible without noting that God is a God of purpose. God doesn’t do things for no reason at all. Perhaps His purpose was to illustrate His ability to triumph over death. It could also be that their resurrections were to prepare others to later accept the resurrection of Jesus. To remind them that God has this power so it would be easier for them to accept the risen Christ. We’re told that they went into the city and appeared to many (Verse 53). Why, if not to get them used to the idea of Christ’s rising. Or perhaps the reason was to illustrate that Christ died so that the dead could live. This is certainly the central

Biblical truth behind His death and resurrection (1 Thessalonians 5:10).

God’s Power. While Matthew does not reveal God’s reason for raising these saints, their resurrection certainly demonstrates the power of God. Folks weren’t viewing a dramatic performance of entertaining fiction when they watched Jesus raise up the Widow’s son at Nain, or His dear friend Lazarus; they were witnessing the power of God. The result of this power is the very backbone of the Gospel of Christ (Romans 1:1-4; 1 Corinthians 15:1-6). And from the Gospel, we learn that God has the power to raise us up at the last day and grant us eternal life in Christ.

God’s Promise. One man stated, “This opening of the graves was designed both to adorn the resurrection of Christ, and to give a specimen of our resurrection, which also is in virtue of His.” God has promised that He will raise us (The faithful) up at the last day and grant us eternal life (John 5:28-29; 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18). God demonstrated His promise of the resurrection to us by showing His power to accomplish it in these risen saints, and most importantly in the subsequent resurrection of Christ! God cannot lie, He will keep His promise (Titus 1:2). 🔍

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SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...9:00
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....10:00
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES....7:00

EVERYONE WELCOME!

CONSEQUENCES OF FAITHLESSNESS

David McPherson

As John drew his gospel account to a close, he noted: "And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name" (Jn. 20:30-31). While it is desired that all might believe in God the Father and Jesus the Son, not all will. For those who lack faith, the consequences are severe.

1) Cannot Please God. "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is..." (Heb. 11:6). Pleasing God should be man's desire. Without faith it cannot be done. Won't you believe?

2) Shall Be Damned. "...he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mk. 16:16). To stand condemned in the eyes of men is one thing. But to stand condemned in the eyes of God is much worse. This is exactly where those lacking faith stand. Won't you believe?

3) Die In Sins. Jesus warned, "...for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins" (Jn. 8:24). Only those who die "in the Lord" are blessed (Rev. 14:13). Those who will not faithfully serve Him die in their sins, destined to hell. Won't you believe?

We are very thankful to everyone who diligently invited folks to attend our Gospel Meeting with brother David McPherson. We had several visitors throughout the week thanks to your efforts. A list of names and addresses will be forthcoming so we can send thank you cards to our visitors. Also, if you would like to send brother McPherson a card or letter, his address is 7828 Four Leaf Drive, Greenville, IN 47124.



SERMON NOTES

Search the scriptures daily to see if these things are so.

STUDY
DAILY!
Acts
17:11

The Truth About Lying

Introduction:

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Glenn Isbell
Reading: Proverbs 6:16-19
- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Opening Prayer.....Sam Miller
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....Lynn Buttrey
Serve.....Michael Pickford
Serve.....Frank Anderson
- Closing Prayer.....Ben Reagh

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Lord's Table.....Lynn Buttrey

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey
- Invitation.....Ben Reagh

**Home Bible Studies
Available Upon Request!**

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- Hear The Gospel: Romans 10:17
- Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

Obey Today!