

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

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Ephesians 4.23-24 TPT

²³ Now it's time to **be made new by every revelation that's been given to you.** ²⁴ And to be **transformed** as you embrace the glorious Christ-within as your new life and **live in union** with him! For God has re-created you all over again **in his perfect righteousness**, and you now belong to him in the realm of true holiness.

There is an invitation that Jesus has for each of us right now. There is new revelation that Holy Spirit wants to whisper to your heart – just listen. Jesus is drawing us deeper into Himself. He is releasing deeper revelation and is inviting us to personally encounter Him in new ways.

"All over the world people are awakening now, knowing there is more and beginning to untangle from beliefs and ways of living that no longer satisfy. It is time to rise up and shine, to live as a reflection of our Creator and to step out of the influence of the old nature completely." (Pg. 24, Reflecting God by Liz Wright)

Holy Spirit has been leading us back to the basics of our faith and bringing us into a richer and deeper dimension of those basic truths. Fresh new reality of the truth – Christ is our reality. In Him is the fullness of the Godhead and we have been given that fullness.

Romans 1.17 NIV

¹⁷ For **in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed**—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

- Be made new in righteousness as He blows a fresh wind of the Spirit on these elementary truths.
- Let the roots of your righteousness in Christ run deep and deeper still.
- May the revelation of you are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus echo in your heart and silence every voice of accusation, cynicism, fear, desperation, hopelessness, divisiveness and victimization.
- Let Holy Spirit lead you into all truth concerning righteousness.

Romans 4.20-24 NIV

²⁰ Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, ²¹ **being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.** ²² This is why **"it was credited to him as righteousness."** ²³ The words "it was credited to him" were **written not for him alone,** ²⁴ **but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.**

- Let that truth sink in deeply – these famous words written about Abraham were also written about you!

Proverbs 10.2 NIV

² Ill-gotten treasures have no lasting value, but **righteousness delivers from death.**

- Whoa! Delivers from death. Every dream that the devil has tried to steal from you and every promise God has made to you and your family are delivered through righteousness.
- This is NOT about performance or doing everything right – this is the gift of righteousness that comes in our new creation life.
- Righteousness imputed to us by incredible love of our Father in heaven.

Proverbs 21.21 NIV

²¹ **Whoever pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity and honor.**

- For us this means pursuing Jesus! What an incredible pursuit!
- God is our source of all blessings.
- This aligns with the verse in Matthew that says to seek God's kingdom and His righteousness first and the other things will be added.
- Righteousness is the essence of God – it is core to His being.
 - He is all that is right.
 - All that He does is right.
 - His timing is right, and His provision is right.
 - The inheritance and plan He has for us as individually, for our family, city and nation is right.

Psalm 36.6 NIV

⁶ **Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep. You, LORD, preserve both people and animals.**

- The mountain of God is higher than all other mountains. His righteousness is right!

Proverbs 11.10 NIV, 14.34 TPT

¹⁰ **When the righteous prosper, the city rejoices;** when the wicked perish, there are shouts of joy.

- This is talking about one group prospering and that blesses the whole city – the righteous.

³⁴ **A nation is exalted by the righteousness of its people, but sin heaps disgrace upon the land.**

Psalm 103.17 NIV

¹⁷ But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear him, and **his righteousness with their children's children—**

Romans 10.3-4 NIV

³ Since they did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. ⁴ **Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.**

Ephesians 6.14 NIV

¹⁴ **Stand firm** then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with **the breastplate of righteousness in place**

PRAYER AND DECLARATION:

We pray over our city as people standing firm in the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. The Bible says that the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Righteousness has no middle ground. Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and half years. Father, we acknowledge that our city belongs to You. We honor You with our worship, ascribing glory to Your name!

We declare over our city – LIFE! We declare that justice will rise up and overtake corruption. We speak prosperity and hope to our communities. We declare vibrant communities filled with life. We declare our elected officials will do what is right, our schools will do what is right, our law enforcement will do what is right, our businesses will do what is right, and our churches will do what is right. We welcome the righteousness of God into our city and speak increase upon increase to righteousness prevailing over all!