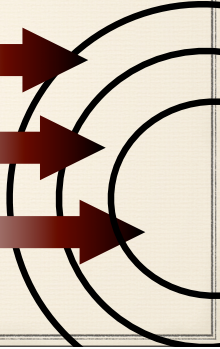
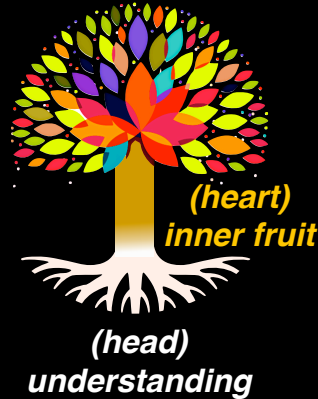


Authentic Christian experience is:

- **Action (hands)**
behaviorally expressing
- **Affection (heart)**
emotionally engaging
- **Affirmation (head)**
cognitively embracing



(hands)
outer fruit



Christianity that
stops with
understanding,
stops.

The link between
root and fruit is
passion.

Christianity that
does not start with
understanding,
does not start.

The structure of Romans 1-8

1. **The Christian Gospel - 1:1-17**
"the righteous shall live by faith"
2. **Step #1 Condemnation of all - 1:18-3:20**
"that every mouth may be closed and all the world may become accountable to God."
3. **Step #2 Justification by faith - 3:21-5:21**
"faith is credited as righteousness."
4. **Step #3 New life in Christ - 6-8**
"we have died to sin with Christ."

Romans 3

"²¹ But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²² even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; ²⁵ whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed;"

"²⁶ for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷ Where then is boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith. ²⁸ For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law. ²⁹ Or is God the God of Jews only? Is He not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, ³⁰ since indeed God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith is one. ³¹ Do we then nullify the Law through faith? May it never be! On the contrary, we establish the Law."

Romans

Righteousness and Faith	Righteousness and Israel	Righteousness and Living
(Faith)	(Hope)	(Love)
ch.1-8	ch.9-11	ch.12-16

Romans 1

"¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of **the gospel**, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the **righteousness of God** is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, 'But the righteous man shall live by faith.'"

Romans 1

"17 For in it the **righteousness of God** is revealed"

What does Paul mean by the "righteousness of God?"

1. **Trustworthiness** - The right-ness or just-ness of God - His faithfulness to his covenant promises.
2. **Holiness** - The Godly character that is needed by all who would have fellowship with Him.

"26 . . . that He might be **just** and the **justifier** of the one who has faith in Jesus."

"21 But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, **being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,**"

God's trustworthiness is seen in how the Gospel is tied to the Old Testament.

1. **God promises Abraham that his seed (Israel) will be a blessing to the world.**

Genesis 12:3

"And **in you** all the families of the earth **will be blessed.**"

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Jeremiah 31:31-34

"**a new covenant** . . . not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, . . . **I will forgive their iniquity,** and their sin I will remember no more."

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John 1:17

"For the **Law** was given through Moses; **grace** and truth were realized through Jesus Christ."

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Isaiah 53:6

"All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; but the Lord has caused **the iniquity of us all to fall on Him.**"

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Matthew 5:17

“Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill.”

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Romans 3:31

“Do we then nullify the Law through faith? May it never be! On the contrary, we establish the Law.”

- God does not lay aside one point of the Law's strict demand for holiness.
- The Law's demand for perfect obedience and atonement for sin is satisfied in the life and death of Jesus.
- In fulfilling the Law, Jesus brings it to an end as a covenant. It has served its purpose.
- We do not have to meet those demands because Jesus has.

Four kinds of righteousness (holiness)

• *The righteousness of God*

This is the perfect, holy, character of God.

• *The righteousness of faith*

This is the imputed holiness of Christ.

• *The righteousness of the Spirit*

This is the imparted fruit of the Spirit.

• *The “righteousness” of the flesh*

This is the superficial holiness of man.

Isaiah 64:6

“And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment;”

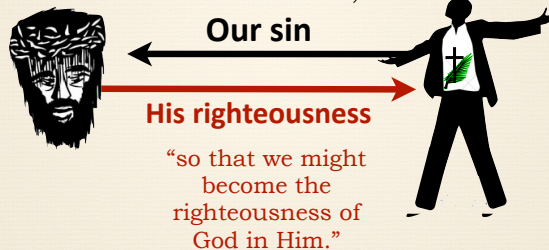
The two aspects of righteousness



Positional Truth

2 Corinthians 5:21

“He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf,”



Positional Truth



for me



in, with, & through me

- ✓ a **child** of God
- ✓ **fixed** position
- ✓ based on **faith**
- ✓ my **identity**
- ✓ a **disciple** of Christ
- ✓ **dynamic** posture
- ✓ based on **faithfulness**
- ✓ my **calling**

Positional Truth



for me



in, with, & through me

Ephesians 2:8-9

"For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is a gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast."

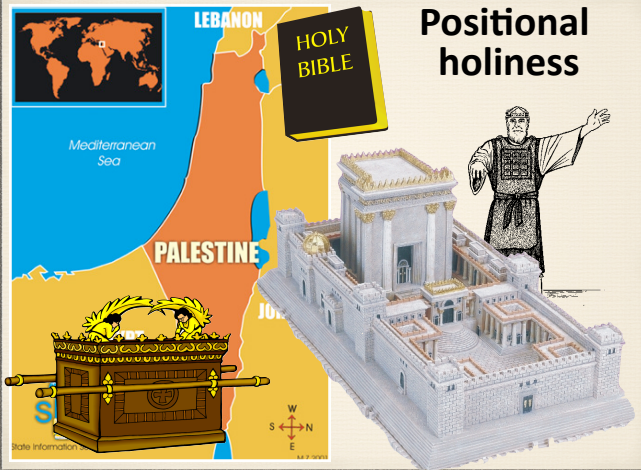
Ephesians 2:10

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

Positional truth

- ✓ It is a legal declaration & non-experiential.
- ✓ It is not progressive.
- ✓ It must be learned through teaching.
- ✓ It is acknowledged through faith.
- ✓ It is not related to human merit.
- ✓ It is not related to human repentance (as moral reform).
- ✓ It fully satisfies the demands of a perfectly holy God.

Positional holiness



The temple priest was ceremonially sanctified with water before he performed his sacred duties.



This had to do with his official position not his personal character.



Imputed righteousness makes us fit for heaven.



Imparted righteousness makes us fit for earth.

24 being **justified** as a gift by His grace through the **redemption** which is in Christ Jesus; 25 whom God displayed publicly as a **propitiation** in His blood through faith.

God's trustworthiness is seen
in how the Gospel is centered in Christ (Messiah).

1. He came for the purpose of dying as a sacrifice for sin (the emphasis of the Epistles).
2. To satisfy the Law of Moses he redeemed or purchased our freedom from slavery to sin.
3. He satisfied the just wrath of a holy God against sin.
4. He took our sin and gave us his righteousness.

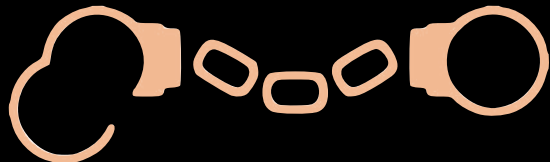
"justified"

- to declare righteous as though a person had no sin.
- This is a legal declaration freeing a person from condemnation.
- This has nothing to do with human performance only with a our trust in Christ as our righteousness.



"redemption"

- to buy one's freedom from bondage.
- to pay a price for that freedom.



"propitiation"

- satisfying the just wrath of God.
- **mercy seat.**



Atonement for the sins of the world were made openly, once for all, on Christ.

Salvation

What is done
FOR me

Positional Truth
acquired by faith

Redemption

Propitiation (God)
Justification (man)

What is done
IN me

Experiential Truth
affective / action

Regeneration

Faith

Reconciliation

"24 being **justified** as a **gift** by His **grace** . . ."

- "**justified**" - a declaration of righteousness not a new power to justify oneself before the Law.
- "**grace**" - a gift, not a tool to reform one's self.

Romans 4:5

"But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness,"

John 6:29

"This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent."

Ephesians 2:8-10

“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is a gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast.”

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**God's trustworthiness is seen
in how the Gospel is tied to the Messiah.**

1. The link to the righteousness that saves is - Christ & faith not the Law & works.
2. The good news is not the power to reform the flesh but the imputed virtue of Christ through faith.

But what constitutes saving faith?

“²⁷ Where then is boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith. ²⁸ For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.”

- Faith is not a work according to Paul.
- Faith takes away any pride that man might have in his relationship with God.

- God did not settle accounts with respect to sin until Christ was crucified.
- But now God satisfies the full demand of the Law (in the life and sacrifice of Christ) thus showing Himself to be just.
- God justifies by faith all who fulfilled the demands of the Law “in Christ.”

Lessons

- God takes the **initiative** and fulfills the Law's call for holiness.
- Our responsibility is not to do the works of the Law but to **believe**.
- The Gospel is not the power to reform but the **gift** of the righteousness of Christ.
- The Gospel is first of all received by **faith** not feeling or action.



- A train without an engine does not go.
- A train without a caboose is empty.
- Feelings don't pull the train.
- Facts + Faith lead to Feelings.

**THE GOSPEL IS A FACT
RECEIVED BY FAITH.**