

**KNOWING GOD: LESSON 11:**  
**BEHOLD YOUR GOD! THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD!**  
 Romans 1:16-17

## I. INTRODUCTION: I

1. **2** In our last lesson we considered the holiness of God; we learned that God's holiness means that He is separate and pure.  
**Ex. 15:11:** "Who is like You, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like You, glorious in holiness, Fearful in praises, doing wonders?"
2. **\*\*** We considered how important God considers His holiness from two Old Testament examples, Moses and Uzzah:
  - A. Both sinned because they were irreverent.
  - B. They failed to appreciate and respect God's holiness and the holiness of His word.
    - (1) **Moses:** struck the rock instead of speaking to it (Num. 20:1-14).  
**Num. 20:12:** "Then the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, 'Because you have not believed Me, to treat Me as holy in the sight of the sons of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them.'" (NASV)
    - (2) **Uzzah:** touched the ark when no one was allowed to do so (2 Sam. 6:1-11).  
**2 Sam. 6:7:** "And the anger of the LORD burned against Uzzah, and God struck him down there for his irreverence; and he died there by the ark of God." (NASV)
3. **\*\*** We learned that we must express our respect and appreciation for God's holiness today by:
  - ✓ Book, chapter, and verse preaching and teaching (Col. 3:17; 1 Pet. 4:11; 2 Jn. 9),
  - ✓ By following what God's word says concerning the work, worship and organization of the church (Phil. 3:17; Isa. 55:8-9; Jer. 10:23; Prov. 14:12),
  - ✓ By exhibiting holiness in our personal lives (1 Pet. 1:14-16).
4. **\*\*** I would encourage you to reread such passages as Eph. 4:17-24 that show so vividly that as Christians we are to live "changed lives."
  - A. We are to live "new lives" characterized by holiness versus our "old lives."
  - B. Our old lives were characterized by walking "in the futility of our [own] mind" and being "alienated from the life of God."
5. The God that we worship and serve is so holy. But our God also possesses another attribute in infinite measure that contributes to His infinite greatness: Behold our God is a righteous God!  
**Deut. 32:4:** "He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He."  
**Psa. 116:5:** "Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; Yes, our God is merciful."  
**Dan. 9:14:** "...for the LORD our God is righteous in all the works which He does..."
6. **3** Today let's consider what it means for God to be righteous and how we must respond to His righteousness in order to be able to lay claim to **Knowing God**.

## II. DISCUSSION:

1. **4** Definition: What does the Bible mean when it says God is righteous?
  - A. Definition of righteous:

- (1) **\*\* Old Testament:** *tsadaq* (tsaw – dak') to be or to make right, cleanse, clear, just.

**Psa. 119:142:** "Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness. And Your law is truth."

- (2) **\*\* New Testament:** *dikaisune* (dik – ah – yos - oo' - nay) "is the character or quality of being right or just; it was formerly spelled 'rightwiseness,' which clearly expresses the meaning. It is used to denote an attribute of God, e.g., Rom. 3:5, the context of which shews that 'the righteousness of God' means essentially the same as His faithfulness, or truthfulness, that which is consistent with His own nature and promises; Rom. 3:25, 26 speaks of His righteousness as exhibited in the Death of Christ, which is sufficient to shew men that God is neither indifferent to sin nor regards it lightly. On the contrary, it demonstrates that quality of holiness in Him which must find expression in His condemnation of sin." (Vines)

**Rom. 3:25-26:** "whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, 26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus."

- B. God's righteousness is one of His most prominent attributes; however, it is also somewhat elusive in the sense that it is so intimately related to His holiness, goodness, and justice that it is difficult to distinguish among these attributes.
- C. This really shouldn't be surprising because of God's perfection all of His attributes (e.g., unchangeableness, majesty, wisdom, holiness, goodness, justice, righteousness, etc., etc.) merge together into a rich harmony. Each attribute blends with and complements one another to form the perfect and infinite being whose every attribute is perfectly united to form the perfect personality!
- D. **\*\* As already suggested, God's righteousness is virtually synonymous with His justice:**
- "While the most common Old Testament word for just means 'straight', and the New Testament word means 'equal', in a moral sense they both mean 'right'. When we say that God is just, we are saying that He always does what is right, what should be done, and that He does it consistently, without partiality or prejudice. The word just and the word righteous are identical in both the Old Testament and New Testament. Sometimes the translators render the original word 'just' and other times 'righteous' with no apparent reason (cf. Neh. 9:8 versus Neh. 9:33 where the same word is used). But whichever word they use, it means essentially the same thing. It has to do with God's actions. They are always right and fair." (Richard L. Strauss, *The Joy of Knowing God*, p. 140)(all emphases mine, cvt)
- "God's righteousness (or justice) is the natural expression of His holiness. If He is infinitely pure, then He must be opposed to all sin, and that opposition to sin must be demonstrated in His treatment of His creatures. When we read that God is righteous or just, we are being assured that His actions toward us are in perfect agreement with His holy nature." (Richard L. Strauss, *The Joy of Knowing God*, p. 140)( all emphases mine, cvt)
- E. **\*\* It is very important to note that God's righteousness and justice arise from His essence or nature, NOT from ANY separate standard:**

**\*\***"It is sometimes said, 'Justice requires God to do this,' referring to some act we know He will perform. This is an error of thinking as well as speaking, for it postulates a principle of justice outside of God which compels Him to act in a certain way. Of course, there is no such principle. If there were it would be superior to God, for only a superior power can compel obedience. The truth is that there is not and can never be anything outside the nature of God which can move Him in the least degree. All God's reasons come from within His uncreated being. Nothing has entered the being of God from eternity, nothing has been

removed, and nothing has been changed.” (A. W. Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy* p. 93-94) (recall: God is unchanging! Lesson #4, cvt)

**\*\***“Justice, when used of God, is a name we give to the way God is, nothing more; and when God acts justly He is not doing so to conform to an independent criterion, but simply acting like Himself in a given situation...God is His own self-existent principle of moral equity, and when He sentences evil men or rewards the righteous, He simply acts like Himself from within, uninfluenced by anything that is not Himself.” (A. W. Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy* p. 93-94)( all emphases mine, cvt)

F. **Therefore, God is not defined by the term righteous, the exact opposite is true; the term righteous is defined by God.**

☛ **God is not measured by the standard of righteousness; quite the contrary.**

☛ **God’s character establishes the standard of righteousness.**

2. **5** God demonstrates His righteousness: How does God demonstrate His righteousness? God demonstrates His righteousness in many ways, let’s look at seven:

A. **\*\*** Through His word:

(1) **Old Testament**:

**Psa. 33:4**: “For the word of the LORD is right. And all His work is done in truth.”; cf. **Deut. 4:1-8**

(2) **New Testament**:

**Rom. 1:16-17**: “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, ‘The just shall live by faith.’”

**Rom. 3:21-22**: “But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe.”

(a) God’s word is always RIGHT (true, just, holy, straight, etc.).

(b) His word is right because it is true (Jn. 17:17).

(c) His word tells us how to be righteous in His sight (Rom. 1:16-17).

(3) However, as the saying goes, “talk is cheap”; what one says isn’t always what they do.

(4) **But God validates His righteousness by always standing by His word!**

(a) **What God says ALWAYS comes to pass!**

(b) **Because, God always expresses His righteousness, not only in His word but also...**

B. **\*\*** Through His actions:

(1) **Adam and Eve**

☛ Promise: Gen. 2:16-17

☛ Fulfillment: Gen. 3:13-24

(2) **Abraham**

☛ Promise: Gen. 12:1-3, 7

- ☛ Fulfillment: Josh. 21:43-45 (Note especially Josh. 21:45. Not a word failed of any good thing which the LORD had spoken to the house of Israel. All came to pass.). (Also see Gal. 3:13-16, Christ is the “seed” through whom God blessed all nations.)

### (3) Israel

- ☛ Promise: Deut. 30:11-20

- ☛ Fulfillment: Judges 2:12-15

- ✓ 722 B.C. Assyrian captivity of Israel (Northern Kingdom, 10 tribes)(2 Kgs. 17:6-7).
- ✓ 606 B.C. Babylonian captivity of Judah (Southern Kingdom, 2 tribes)(Dan. 9:3-14).

- (i) **God is the ultimate “straight shooter”!**
- (ii) **He ALWAYS does what He says He will do!**
- (iii) **What He says ALWAYS comes to pass!**
- (iv) **Take it to the bank!! He is righteous!!**
- (v) **He is ALWAYS completely trustworthy and reliable!! But God also demonstrates His righteousness...**

#### C. \*\* Through His instruction:

**Psa. 25:8-10:** “Good and upright is the LORD; Therefore He teaches sinners in the way. 9 The humble He guides in justice, And the humble He teaches His way. 10 All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth,”

**Prov. 1:3b-6:** “cry out for discernment, And lift up your voice for understanding, 4 If you seek her as silver, And search for her as for hidden treasures; 5 Then you will understand the fear of the LORD, And find the knowledge of God. 6 For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding;”

**Prov. 3:1-8:** “My son, do not forget my law, But let your heart keep my commands; 2 For length of days and long life And peace they will add to you. 3 Let not mercy and truth forsake you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart, 4 And so find favor and high esteem In the sight of God and man. 5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil. 8 It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones.”

- (1) **All of God’s commands, precepts, and laws are designed for our benefit!**
- (2) **Whatever God’s word instructs us to do is “right” because it is always in our best interest; both in the here and now and in the hereafter! But God also demonstrates His righteousness...**

#### D. \*\* Through His rule:

**Psa. 45:6-7a:** “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. You love righteousness and hate wickedness;”

**Psa. 89:14:** “Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face.” (cf. Psa. 97:2)

- (1) The rule of man is **VERY** rarely and only temporarily (at best!) righteous; man’s rule is usually characterized by prejudice, capriciousness, callousness, unfairness, etc.
- (2) But God’s rule is perfectly righteous.

- (a) God always treats His subjects “right.”
- (b) His commands, decrees, and laws are never prejudicial, never capricious, never callous, and never unfair.
- (c) They are always “right,” they are always good for man.

✓ Kingdom of **righteousness** and peace: Rom. 14:17 (cf. Col. 1:13; 3:15)

✓ Characterized by a “perfect law”: Jas. 1:25

✓ The gospel is the ultimate in impartiality (“equal opportunity”)!

**Gal. 3:26-29:** “For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.” (cf. Gal. 6:15-16)

- (3) **So then, God's righteousness can be seen by the fact that His rule is righteous.**

- (a) **His rule is never prejudicial, capricious, callous or unfair.**

- (b) **His rule is thoroughly “right”; but God also demonstrates His righteousness...**

E. **\*\* Through His wrath:** His hatred and anger:

**Psa. 11:5-7:** “The LORD tests the righteous, But the wicked and the one who loves violence His soul hates. 6 Upon the wicked He will rain coals; Fire and brimstone and a burning wind Shall be the portion of their cup. 7 For the LORD is righteous, He loves righteousness; His countenance beholds the upright.”

**Prov. 6:16-19:** “These six things the LORD hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: 17 A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, 18 A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, 19 A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren.”

**What kind of “god” would God be if He did not hate sin and become angry at wickedness?**

**Jn. 2:15-17:** “When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables. 16 And He said to those who sold doves, ‘Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!’ 17 Then His disciples remembered that it was written, ‘Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up.’”

- (1) **Thus, God's righteousness can be seen by His hatred for sin and anger toward wickedness (unrighteousness).**

- (a) **His anger and hatred are never without cause; never unjustified; never unrighteous!**

- (b) **His hatred and anger are thoroughly “right”; but God also demonstrates His righteousness...**

F. **6 Through His judgment:**

- (1) Man's judgment (in a judicial sense) is, more often than not, less than right.

- (a) Even in this land where the “rule of law” is supposed to reign supreme we bemoan the seeming lack of “rightness” in our judicial and legal system.

- (b) Often the guilty go unpunished or “under punished” and the innocent cannot find justice (remember OJ!!). (cf. Lk. 18:1-7)
- (2) But God’s judgment is **righteous** because it is **sure**, **complete**, and **absolutely impartial**. Recall Israel! Deut. 30:11-20; Dan. 9:3-15

☛ **\*\*Righteous Judge:**

**Psa. 96:13:** “For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth. He shall judge the world with **righteousness**. And the peoples with His truth.”

**Jn. 5:30:** “I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is **righteous**, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.”

**2 Tim. 4:8:** “Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of **righteousness**, which the Lord, the **righteous** Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.”

**Because God is a righteous judge, we can have absolute trust that His judgment will be sure, complete, and impartial!**

☛ **\*\*Sure Judge:** absolutely certainty of judgment according to the right standard.

**Heb. 9:27:** “And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,”

**Acts 17:31:** “because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”

**Rom. 14:10b-12:** “For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. 11 For it is written: ‘As I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God.’ 12 So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.”

☛ **\*\*Complete Judge:** the guilty will never escape punishment, they will receive exactly what they deserve, and the innocent will never want of justice.

**Rev. 20:12-15:** “And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. 13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. 14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.”

**2 Thess. 1:7-9:** “and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, 8 in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,”; (cf. Matt. 13:24-30, parable of the wheat and tares)

☛ **\*\*Impartial Judge:** everyone will be judged by the same standard.

**Acts 10:34-35:** “Then Peter opened his mouth and said: ‘In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. 35 ‘But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.”

**Jn. 12:48:** “He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him; the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.”

☛ **Thus, God’s righteousness can be seen by the surety, completeness, and impartiality of His judgment.**



- (a) **Sin will never go unpunished and righteousness will never go unrewarded!**
- (b) **His judgment is thoroughly “right,” because all men will be judged by the same divine standard! But God also demonstrates His righteousness...**

G. **\*\* Through His mercy and compassion:**

**Psa. 116:5-6:** “Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; Yes, our God is merciful. 6 The LORD preserves the simple; I was brought low, and He saved me.”

**Psa. 98:2-3:** “The LORD has made known His salvation; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations. 3 He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.”

- (1) The mercy and compassion of man is most often reserved for those who can either buy it or who have some sort of close physical or emotional relationship.

**Lk. 6:32-33:** “But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 ‘And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.’”

- (2) Unlike man, God does not reserve His mercy and compassion for only a select few; God’s mercy and compassion is righteous because God extends it to **ALL**.

**Jn. 3:16:** “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

**Rom. 5:8:** “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

- (3) **Thus, God’s righteousness can be seen by the mercy He extends to all without partiality.**
- (4) **Certainly, we know that the application of His mercy is not “unconditional”; but based on our acceptance through faith (cf. 2 Thess. 2:13-14).**

4. **7 Our response:** How should we respond to the righteousness of God? Seven responses...

A. **\*\* By responding to the righteousness of His Word:**

- (1) God’s word is the ONLY standard! Col. 3:17; 1 Pet. 4:11; Jn. 12:48, 2 Jn. 9, etc.

**Jer. 10:23:** “O LORD, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps.”

**Psa. 119:105:** “Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.”

**Matt. 15:8-9:** “These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. 9 And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.”; (cf. Matt. 7:21-27)

**Eph. 4:1:** “I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,”

**Phil. 1:27:** “Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel,”

**1 Jn. 1:7:** “But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.”

- (2) Guard against self-righteousness! Matt. 23

**Phil. 3:6-9:** “concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. 7 But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. 8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;”

- B. **\*\*** By responding to the righteousness of His actions: We must trust that God always does what He says! (Remember there are both **positive** and **negative** promises!)

**2 Cor. 5:10-11:** “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. 11 Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men;”

**Rom. 2:5b-6:** “**righteous** judgment of God, 6 who ‘will render to each one according to his deeds’: 7 eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; 8 but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness; indignation and wrath, 9 tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek; 10 but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 11 For there is no partiality with God.”

**Mk. 16:16:** “He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.” (cf. 1 Cor. 15:17-19; 1 Thess. 4:13...no hope outside of Christ!); cf. 1 Cor. 15:58; 2 Tim. 4:7-8

- C. **\*\*** By responding to the righteousness of His instruction: following His word is **always** in our best interest.

**1 Jn. 5:3:** “For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.” (e.g., MDR: Matt. 5:32; 19:9; “A little social drinking won’t hurt any.” Not so! cf. 1 Pet. 4:3); cf. Jn. 10:10; Jas. 2:24, 26; 4:17; 1 Jn. 2:3

**1 Jn. 2:29:** “If you know that He is **righteous**, you know that everyone who practices **righteousness** is born of Him.”

**1 Jn. 3:7:** “Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices **righteousness** is **righteous**, just as He is **righteous**.”

- D. **\*\*** By responding to the righteousness of His rule:

**Matt. 5:3:** “Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

**1 Pet. 5:6:** “Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,”

**Matt. 5:6:** “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.”

**Phil. 3:20:** “For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,”

- E. **\*\*** By responding to the righteousness of His wrath: Anger/wrath is not wrong if it is righteous!

**Psa. 119:104:** “Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.” (cf. 1 Kgs. 18, Elijah’s contest with the 450 prophets of Baal.)

**Eph. 5:11:** “And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.”

**Gal. 2:5:** “to whom we did not yield submission even for an hour, that the truth of the gospel might continue with you.” (cf. 2 Tim. 2:15-18, Paul named names! He exposed false teachers!)

**Rom. 12:9:** “Abhor (hate! cvt) what is evil.”



- F. **8** By responding to the righteousness of His judgment: We must be impartial and fair in all our judgments (judge righteously); and be prepared for the day of judgment: Matt. 7:1-5 (Be careful! Judging, per se, is not the issue! cf. 1 Jn. 4:1. The issue is the standard!)

**Jas. 2:1-4:** “My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality. 2 For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in filthy clothes, 3 and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, ‘You sit here in a good place,’ and say to the poor man, ‘You stand there,’ or, ‘Sit here at my footstool,’ 4 have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?”; Phil. 2:10-12

- G. **\*\*** By responding to the righteousness of His mercy and compassion:

**Matt. 5:7:** “Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.” (cf. Matt. 18:21-35)

**Rom. 3:23:** “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”

**1 Pet. 3:8-9:** “Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; 9 not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.”

### III. CONCLUSION: **9**

1. Of all the lessons thus far in this series of **Knowing God**, I feel that I have so inadequately fulfilled my mission: The righteousness of God is so very **AWESOME!**

2. I urge you with all my heart to study it, meditate on it, and most importantly respond to it!

**1 Jn. 2:29:** “If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.”

3. Are you righteous?

A. In Romans chapter 4 Abraham’s faith was “was accounted to him for righteousness.”

B. That is, he was made righteous by his faith, and so will we; notice...

**Rom. 4:23-24:** “Now it was not written for his sake alone that it [faith] was imputed to him [reckoned to Abraham as righteousness], 24 but also for us. It [faith] shall be imputed [reckoned to us as righteousness] to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead,”

**Rom. 3:21-22:** “But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe.

**Rom. 3:25-26:** “whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, 26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.”

4. Do you believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God? If so, God says you must act upon that faith:

- ✓ Confess Jesus with your mouth (Rom. 10:10; Matt. 10:32),
- ✓ Repent of your sins (Acts 2:38),
- ✓ Be baptized to wash away your sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16),
- ✓ Grow and live faithfully the rest of your life (2 Pet. 1:5-11; Col. 1:21-23).

5. Come **NOW** and obey the gospel and become **right** with God!