

**“Charmed into Righteousness:
The Most Righteous Lord”**
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□ **A Story**

- Zechariah 3:1-5
- Isaiah 64:6—“ All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like _____ rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.”
- Isaiah 61:10—“ I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of _____ and arrayed me in a robe of _____, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.”
- Ellen White: “Whatever may have been your past experience, however discouraging your present circumstances, if you will come to Jesus just as you are, weak, helpless, and despairing, our compassionate Saviour will meet you a great way off, and will throw about you His arms of love and His _____ of righteousness. He presents us to the Father clothed in the white raiment of _____ character. He pleads before God in our behalf, saying: I have taken the sinner’s place. Look not upon this wayward child, but look on Me. Does Satan plead loudly against our souls, accusing of sin, and claiming us as his prey, the blood of Christ pleads with _____ power.” (*Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing* 8-9)

□ **Christ Our Righteousness**

- 1 John 2:1 NKJV—“My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the _____.”
- Jeremiah 23:6 NKJV—“Now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR _____.”
- 1 Corinthians 1:30—“It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our _____, holiness and redemption.”
- Christ is our _____.
- N. T. Wright: “[God’s righteousness] is an outward-looking characteristic of God, linked of course to the concern for God’s own glory but essentially going, as it were, in the opposite direction, that of God’s creative, healing, restorative _____ . God’s concern for God’s glory is precisely rescued from the appearance of divine narcissism because God, not least God as Trinity, is always giving out, pouring out, lavishing generous _____ on undeserving people, undeserving Israel and an undeserving world. That is the sort of God he is, and ‘God’s righteousness’ is a way of saying, ‘Yes, and God will be true to that character.’” (*Justification: God’s Plan and Paul’s Vision* 70-71)
- Wright: “. . . God’s righteousness is that quality or attribute *because of which* he _____ his people. His ‘acts of righteousness’ are thus the acts he performs as outworkings or demonstrations of his covenant faithfulness.” (71)
- Wright: “Indeed, it is because God will be true to that outward-facing generous, creative _____ that he must also curse those ways of life, particularly those ways of life within his covenant people, which embody and express the opposite [of his creative love]. . . . and therefore [he] *must* curse everything that thwarts and destroys the blessing of his world and his people.” (71)

- So what is a loving and righteous God to do now?
- John 3:16—“For God so _____ the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”
- 1 Timothy 1:15—“Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to _____ sinners—of whom I am the worst.”
- Romans 3:25-26—“God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his _____ . . . so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.”
- How did this loving and righteous God pull it off?
- 2 Corinthians 5:14, 21—“For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for _____, and therefore _____ died. . . . God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the _____ of God.”
- White: “Christ was treated as we deserve, that we might be treated as He deserves. He was condemned for our sins, in which He had no share, that we might be _____ by His righteousness, in which we had no share. He suffered the death which was ours, that we might receive the life which was His. ‘With His stripes we are healed.’” (*Desire of Ages* 25)
- Romans 5:19—“For just as through the disobedience of the one man [Adam] the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man [Christ] the many will be made _____.”
- Wright: “The language of ‘righteousness’ in the Old Testament regularly refers to the lawcourt, or quasi lawcourt situations. . . . Let us imagine a fictitious scenario in ancient Israel. Azariah and Bildad go to law before Gamaliel, acting as a judge. Azariah accuses Bildad of stealing a sheep. Gamaliel hears the case and finds in favor of Bildad: the court declares that the accusation is unfounded and that Bildad is innocent. That ‘finding in favor,’ that declaration, is ‘_____’; its result is that Bildad is now ‘righteous,’ that is, ‘in the _____.’ . . . He is, in other words, the vindicated defendant.” (68-69)
- Romans 5:18—“One righteous act resulted in _____ and life for all people.”
- White: “With His own blood [Jesus] has signed the emancipation papers of the _____.” (*Ministry of Healing* 90)
- White: “[Christ] took in His grasp the world over which Satan claimed to preside as his lawful territory, and by His wonderful work in giving His life, He restored the _____ race of men to favor with God.” (*Selected Messages* 1:343)

□ **A Story**

- “The Lord in His great mercy sent a most precious message to His people through [Pastors] Waggoner and Jones. This message was to bring more prominently before the _____ the uplifted Saviour, the sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. It presented justification through faith in the Surety; it invited the people to receive the righteousness of Christ, which is made manifest in obedience to all the commandments of God. Many had lost sight of _____. They needed to have their eyes directed to His divine person, His merits, and His changeless love for the human family. All power is given into His hands, that He may dispense rich gifts unto men, imparting the priceless gift of His own righteousness to the helpless human agent. This is the message that God commanded to be given to the world. It

is the third angel's message, which is to be proclaimed with a loud voice, and attended with the outpouring of His Spirit in a large measure." (91-92)

- Romans 1:16—"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the _____ of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes. . . . For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed."
- Psalm 33:6, 9—"By the _____ of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the _____ of his mouth. . . . For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm."
- John 6:63—"The _____ I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life."
- 2 Timothy 3:16—"All _____ is God-breathed and is useful for teaching . . ."
- E. J. Waggoner: "When the word of God names something, then the thing that is named is formed. Whatever is described by the word, exists in that word. Thus it is impossible for God to lie, for His word makes the thing so." (*Living by Faith* 13)
- Hebrews 1:3—"The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful _____."
- Waggoner: "The breath of God, which has creative energy in it, is that which gives us the precepts and promises of the Bible. That creative _____ is the power of the Gospel. . . . The power of redemption is the power of _____, for redemption is creation. . . . To declare is to speak, so when God declares His righteousness in Christ for the remission of sins [Romans 3:25], righteousness is spoken into and on you, to take the place of your sins, which are taken away. And it is not simply a passive righteousness that is declared on you, but real, active righteousness, for the word of the Lord is alive, and God's righteousness is real and active." (14-15)
- Hans LaRondelle: "However, justification implies more than a mere legal transaction. The righteousness of Christ is a _____ power, 'it is a principle of life that transforms the character and controls the conduct.'—*The Desire of Ages* p 556. Many have too abstract and narrow a view of forgiveness and justification. This led E. G. White to state: 'God's forgiveness is not merely a judicial act by which He sets us free from condemnation. It is not only forgiveness *for* sin, but reclaiming *from* sin. It is the outflow of redeeming love that transforms the heart.'—*Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing* p 114." (*Christ Our Salvation: What God Does for Us and in Us* 47)

*"My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness."*

Filthy, salvation, righteousness, rove, His own, greater, righteous, RIGHTEOUSNESS, righteousness, righteousness, love, love, saves, love, loved, save, righteousness, all, all, righteousness, justified, righteous, justification, right, justification, race, whole, world, Jesus, power, word, breath, words, Scripture, word, word, creation, transforming