

FEAR NOT

For God hath not given
us the spirit of **fear**;
but of **power**, and of
love, and of a **sound**
mind.

2 Timothy 1:7

The Kingdom of God is
RIGHTEOUSNESS



- We learned in our last lesson that the **Kingdom of God is Righteousness, Peace, and Joy in the Holy Ghost.**
Romans 14:17
- We are going to look at the first characteristic of the Kingdom of God in this lesson – **RIGHTEOUSNESS.**
- The word, **RIGHTEOUSNESS**, means “the character or quality of being right or fair, just, honest.”
- The opposite of **RIGHTEOUSNESS** is **WICKEDNESS.**
- Which of these do you think rules the world system?



- We are living in a time where it seems like wickedness is all around us.
- This is why it is important for us to understand how critical it is to **operate out of our spirit, where the Kingdom of God is**, that is, if we are a believer in Christ Jesus.
- **What is RIGHT?**
- Many people today do not **read** their Bibles, nor have they **grown up** in households where their parents or families have **taught** them **the difference between right and wrong**.



- The decline in **moral values** and **ethics** is disturbing.
- The **language** we hear and the **behaviors** we witness does something to our **spirit man**.
- In order to **keep our faith**, we must **stay in the Word of God** and hear the **ONE voice of God** instead of the **many voices of a wicked world**.
- Staying in the Word will help us to **respond in a “righteous” way**, which is pleasing to God.
 - **Seek ye first** the kingdom of God, and **his righteousness**; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matthew 6:33



- **Choices** become **habits**, and **habits** become a **lifestyle**.
- We have **choices** to make everyday.
 - What time will I get out of bed?
 - What will I wear?
 - What will I eat?
 - Will I pray and read the Bible?
- As life progresses, the **decisions** to be made become **harder** because the **consequences** usually **last longer**.
 - Should I marry?
 - Should I have children?
 - Where will I work, or will I work?
 - Will I go to college?
 - Will I buy a car?
 - Will I buy a house?
 - Who should I marry?
- These crucial **decisions** often bring **pressure** because a **choice** must be made.

Choices



To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

1 Peter 2:21

- Jesus **ALWAYS** made the **right decision**.
- Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth. 1 Peter 2:22
 - Jesus is our **Example**.
 - Jesus is the **PATTERN SON**.
 - His **JUDGEMENT** was perfect.
- Jesus **never sinned** or came to the wrong conclusion.
 - **How could he be so certain, so decisive?**



RIGHTEOUSNESS OF JESUS CHRIST

- The Bible says that:

- **Jesus** is the **Sun (Son) of Righteousness**

- But unto you that fear my name shall the **Sun of righteousness** arise with healing in his wings. Malachi 4:2

- **Jesus** holds in his hand a **Scepter of Righteousness**

- But unto the Son *he saith*, Thy throne, O God, *is* for ever and ever: **a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom**. Hebrews 1:8

- **Jesus** is the **King of Righteousness and Peace**

- First being by interpretation **King of righteousness**, and after that also King of Salem, which is, **King of peace**. Hebrews 7:2

- **Jesus** is the **only Way (path) of Righteousness**

- For it had been better for them not to have known **the way of righteousness**, than, after they have known *it*, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. 2 Peter 2:21



The wonderful thing about becoming a Christian is that **you and I** get to receive “**His Righteousness**”.

For he hath made him *to be* sin **for us**, who knew no sin; **that we might be made the righteousness of God in him**. 2 Corinthians 5:21

Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, **to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins** that are past, through the forbearance of God;

To declare, I say, at this time **his righteousness**: that **he might be just**, and **the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus**. Romans 3:25-26

**Jesus, Our
Righteousness!**

- 2 Corinthians 5.21.





Hearing God's Voice

- The **One** who makes the **Right** decisions **lives IN US**.
 - And **because ye are sons**, God hath sent forth the **Spirit of his Son into your hearts**, crying, Abba, Father.
Galatians 4:6
- **Jesus** comes to **live in our hearts through His Holy Spirit**. The One who makes the right decision every time **lives in us!**
- **Jesus** is that **Voice inside of us** who tells us when and how to do the Right thing....**Listen for His Voice!**
 - And they heard **the voice of the LORD God** walking in the garden in the cool of the day. Genesis 3:8
 - While it is said, To day **if ye will hear his voice**, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation. Hebrews 3:15
- **Do and say exactly what He tells you.**

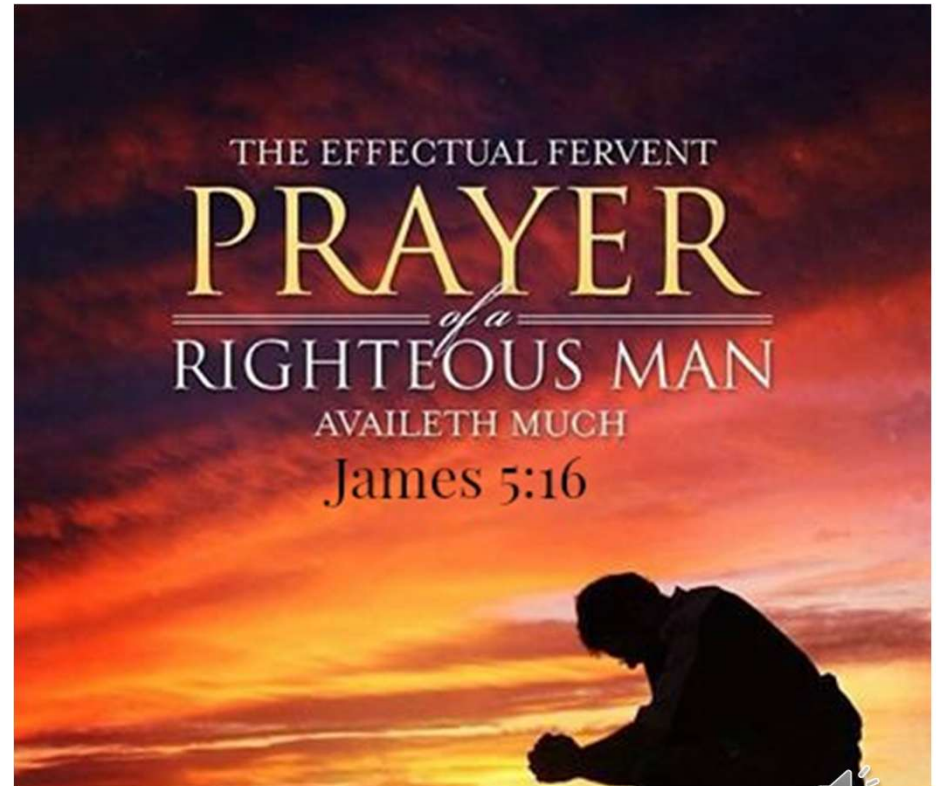
- Because **the Spirit of the King of Righteousness** now **abides inside of us**, the Bible says that you and I:
 - Are the **instruments** of **Righteousness**.
 - Yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and **your members as instruments of righteousness** unto God. Romans 6:13
 - Are the **servants** of **Righteousness**.
 - Being then made free from sin, ye became the **servants of righteousness**. Romans 6:18
 - Wear the **weapons** of **Righteousness**
 - Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the **breastplate of righteousness**. Ephesians 6:14
 - Are the **ministers** of **Righteousness**.
 - Therefore *it is* no great thing if his **ministers** also be transformed as the **ministers of righteousness**; whose end shall be according to their works. 2 Corinthians 11:15
 - Grow **fruits** of **Righteousness**.
 - Being filled with the **fruits of righteousness**, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God. Philippians 1:11
 - Wear a **crown** of **Righteousness**.
 - Henceforth there is laid up for me a **crown of righteousness**, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day. 2 Timothy 4:8



CHRIST
IN YOU
the
HOPE
OF GLORY

- The **Righteousness of God is a Person**
- The purest **Righteousness** that governs every decision is a person – **the King of Righteousness is JESUS!**
 - But of him **are ye in Christ Jesus**, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and **righteousness**, and **sanctification**, and **redemption**. 1 Corinthians 1:30
- **Jesus is our Righteousness.**
- His **Righteousness** has been **given to us** and **His Spirit now resides in us.**
 - **Christ in you, the hope of glory.** Colossians 1:27
- We are **His holy habitation**, **set apart** for **His purposes**.
 - In whom ye also are builded together for an **habitation of God through the Spirit.** Ephesians 2:22

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Self-Reflective Indicators of Spiritual Strength



Wrong choices have consequences. What decision cost you something that you regret?



As you get older, are your decisions harder or easier to make?
What is the hardest choice you have to make right now?



Are you motivated to do something because it is what everyone else is doing or because it is the Right thing to do?



Join me as we
worship in song,
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You have the
Holy Spirit to
help you make
the right
choices.

The One who **ALWAYS** makes
all the right decisions,
lives in your heart.

- **TALK** to HIM.
- **LISTEN** to HIM.
 - **SEEK** HIM.
 - **OBEY** HIM.
- **LIVE** for HIM.

