

IMPACT

I **M**ust **P**ersonally **A**cknowledge **C**hrist **T**oday
Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; *in all your ways acknowledge Him* and He shall direct your path.
Proverbs 3:5-6

Passage: Jeremiah 23:5-6 “Behold, the days are coming,” says the LORD, ‘That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell safely; Now this is His name by which He will be called: *THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.*”

Quote: **GRACE** is God’s unearned and undeserved favor. Nowhere is it more evident than in the giving of His Son that we might be righteous in His sight. **G**od’s **R**ighteousness **A**t **C**hrist’s **E**xpense

Jehovah Tsidkenu (The Lord Our Righteousness): The root word “from which Tsidkenu derived, means ‘to be stiff,’ ‘to be straight,’ or ‘righteous’ in Hebrew. Jehovah Tsidkenu can be translated as ‘The Lord Who is our Righteousness.’” “Here God promises that he will be faithful to the covenant he made with David, because David himself was also faithful and embraced with true faith the promise made to him. This is the name by which he will be called: *The LORD Our Righteousness.* The prophet shows here that he is not speaking generally about David’s posterity...but of the Mediator who had been promised and on whom depended the salvation of the people. And he says his name will be “*The LORD Our Righteousness.*” By saying that *God is Our Righteousness,* the prophet shows that we have a righteousness in common with him, *for Christ possesses a righteousness that he communicates to us.* Here we do not see Christ coming to show divine justice but to bring righteousness, which would effect salvation. If, then, we want to have God as our righteousness, we must seek Christ, for it cannot be found except in him. *Christ is made our righteousness, and we are counted the righteousness of God in him.*”¹

“But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who *became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—that, as it is written, ‘He who glories, let him glory in the LORD.’*”² “But now *the righteousness of God* apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the *righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe.* For there is no difference;

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God....”³

Peter tells us that God has given to those who believe all that they need for time and for eternity *through the righteousness of Christ.* “Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like precious faith with us *by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:* Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to *life and godliness,* through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”⁵

The LORD Our Righteousness

Christ’s righteousness is the only righteousness that God accepts, and that He bestows upon all who truly believe in their heart and confess with their mouth that He raised Him from the dead!⁶ That is cause for rejoicing in those who are trusting in Christ. It is cause for repentance in those who have never been saved by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone. John writes, “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. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to *cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*”⁷ John offers a sobering warning to those who give lip service to the Christian religion. “And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming. *If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him.*”⁷ I John 3 warns that the pattern of our actions reveals the true condition of our hearts. Does your life give evidence that God has given to you Christ’s righteousness?

1 Crossway Commentaries 2 I Cor.1:30-31 3 Rom.3:21-23 4 Imputed: put to his account 5 II Peter 1:1-4 6 Rom.10:9-10 7 I John 1:7-9’ 2:29