



A light to my path. Psalm 119:105

Declared Righteous!

What is righteousness? There are two choices: self-righteousness and God's righteousness. To achieve self-righteousness, one works hard to be perfect, but it is always elusive. A Pharisee stood at the altar, exalting himself above the tax collector who stood at a distance. The Pharisee bragged about fasting twice a week and giving tithes of all he owned. But the tax collector asked God to be merciful to him, a sinner (Luke 18:11-13, NKJV). Jesus regarded the tax collector as righteous (Luke 18:14). The self-righteous person lacks true repentance and has a judgmental attitude. They live a life of spiritual blindness (2 Corinthians 4:4), experience broken fellowship (Galatians 5:15), and their false security disappoints them (Luke 12:19-20). How are we declared righteous? Jesus hung on the cross for six hours (Mark 15:25; Luke 23:44-46). During that time, all of humanity's sins, past, present, and future, entered his body. In the last hour, Jesus knew he had paid for all our sins, and he bowed his head and allowed death to take his body. Three days later, when Jesus rose to new life, God declared that all humanity was righteous (Romans 4:23-25). Those who accept Jesus receive the gift of righteousness. Every believer is in right standing with God (Romans 3:22-26). Righteousness is a gift! No one must work for it! No one can take it away, but anyone can refuse to accept it. Shalom!!

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