

Jehovah-tsidkenu – The Lord Our Righteousness!

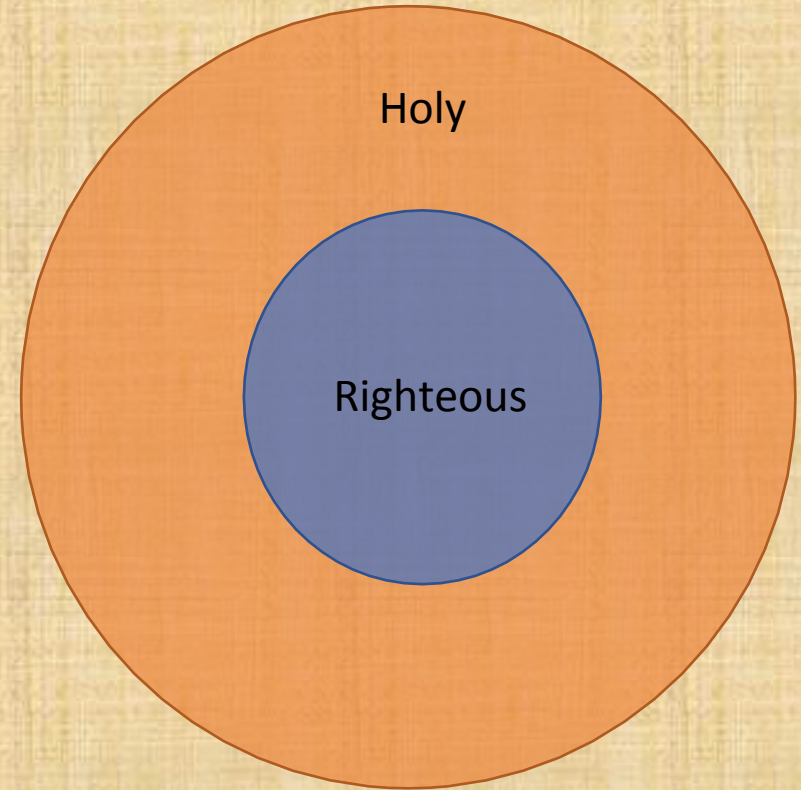
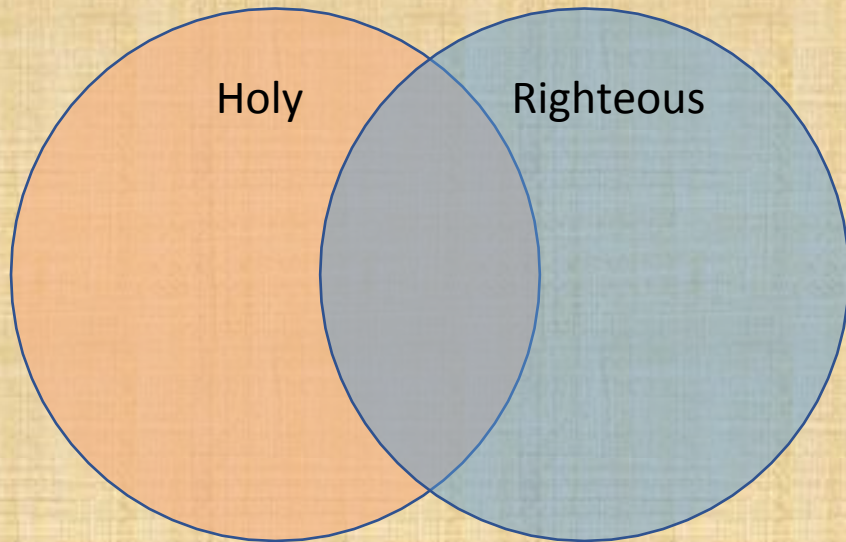
“In His days Judah will be saved,
And Israel will dwell securely;
And this is His name by which He will be called,
‘The LORD our righteousness.’” (Jeremiah 23:6)

In those days and at that time I will cause **a righteous Branch of David to spring forth**; and He shall execute justice and righteousness on the earth. ¹⁶
In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell in safety; and this is the name by which she will be called: **the LORD is our righteousness.**
(Jeremiah 33:15-16)

Definition: Difference between “holy” and “righteous”!

- **“holy”** is “hagios” Gk, “qados” OT - 1) Set apart from what is common, 2) perfectly pure apart from sin, 3) absolute standard of highest moral character”. It is more about being separated than doing the right things.
 - “Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. (2 Corinthians 7:1)
 - “As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance,¹⁵ but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior;¹⁶ because it is written, ‘YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.’” (1 Peter 1:14-16)
- **“righteous”** is “saddiqk” OT - “being lawful” or “conforming to the law”. “righteousness” has to do with one’s “right standing with God”.
 - “But you disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked for a murderer to be granted to you,¹⁵ but put to death the Prince of life, the one whom God raised from the dead, a fact to which we are witnesses.” (Acts 3:14-15)

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- **“righteousness”** of the Pharisees and Sadducees. Pharisees means “separated ones.” They were more about “self-righteousness”, “external and ritualistic religion”. Nicknames: “white washed tomb”, “hypocrites”; these Pharisees were less about justice, mercy, and faithfulness, but about tithing, washings, purifications, and other manmade traditions.
 - “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others. ²⁴ You blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel!” (Matthew 23:23-24)
- **“Righteousness”** of Christ. Not only “conforming to the law”, but “completing the law” by His perfect love. Therefore, being in “right standing with God” through relationally obeying and loving the Father.
 - “Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law... and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, “YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.” (Romans 13:8-9)
 - “...and I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me.” (John 8:28)

I. The Triune God is Righteous!

➤ **God, the Father is Righteous!**

- “And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, “HOLY, HOLY, HOLY is THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS AND WHO IS AND WHO IS TO COME.” (Revelation 4:8)
- “O righteous Father, although the world has not known You, yet I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me;” (John 17:25)

➤ **God, the Son is Righteous!**

- “Behold, the days are coming,” declares the LORD, ‘**When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch**; And He will reign as king and act wisely And do justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ “In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell securely; And this is His name by which He will be called, ‘**The LORD our righteousness.**’” (Jeremiah 23:5-6, Acts 3:14-15)

➤ **God, the Holy Spirit!**

- “And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment;” (John 16:8)
- “for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.” (Romans 14:17)

II. Christ Our Righteousness!

A) Imputed “Righteousness”!

- “To grant those who mourn in Zion, Giving them a garland instead of ashes, The oil of gladness instead of mourning, The mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting. So they will be called **oaks of righteousness**, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.” (Isaiah 61:3)
- “But now apart from the Law the **righteousness of God** has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²² even the **righteousness of God** through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction;” (Romans 3:21-22)
- “But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is **credited as righteousness**,” (Romans 4:5)
- “He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that **we might become the righteousness of God in Him.**” (2 Corinthians 5:21)
- “If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone also **who practices righteousness is born of Him.**” (1 John 2:29) “Little children, make sure no one deceives you; the one **who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous;**” (1 John 3:7)

B) “Righteousness” leading to sanctification!

- “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus **for good works**, which God prepared beforehand **so that we would walk in them.**” (Ephesians 2:10)
- “But **by His doing you are in Christ Jesus**, who became to us **wisdom** from God, and **righteousness and sanctification, and redemption**,³¹ so that, just as it is written, “LET HIM WHO BOASTS, BOAST IN THE LORD.” (1 Corinthians 1:30-31)
- “and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that **we might die to sin and live to righteousness**; for by His wounds you were healed.²⁵ For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.” (1 Peter 2:24-25) “He restores my soul; **He guides me in the paths of righteousness** For His name’s sake.” (Psalms 23:3)
- “¹¹ Even so consider yourselves to be **dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus...**¹⁷ But thanks be to God that though **you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed**, and having been freed from sin, **you became slaves of righteousness...so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification...**²² But now **having been freed from sin and enslaved to God**, you derive your benefit, **resulting in sanctification**, and the outcome, **eternal life.**” (Romans 6:11-20)

C) How do we grow a life of Righteousness and holiness?

➤ **Living from faith to faith!**

- “For in it the **righteousness of God** is revealed from **faith to faith**; as it is written, “ BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.” (Romans 1:17) “This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did **you receive the Spirit** by the works of the Law, or **by hearing with faith?** ³ Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?” (Galatians 3:2-3)

➤ **Seeking His Kingdom and His righteousness first!**

- “But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” (Matthew 6:33) “for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.” (Romans 14:17)

➤ **By pursuing, hungering, and thirsting for righteousness!**

- “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.” (Matthew 5:6) “But flee from these things, you man of God, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness. (1 Timothy 6:11)

➤ **Being equipped in God’s Word and being trained in righteousness!**

- “All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

➤ **By renewing your mind and putting on the new self!**

- “and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and put on the new self, which **in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth**” (Ephesians 4:23-24)

C) How do we grow in a life of Righteousness and holiness ?

➤ **By suffering for righteousness!**

- “But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. AND DO NOT FEAR THEIR INTIMIDATION, AND DO NOT BE TROUBLED,” (1 Peter 3:14) “**After you have suffered for a little while**, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.” (1 Peter 5:10)

➤ **By His divine power coming from knowing God and relying on His magnificent promises!**

- “seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. ⁴ For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.” (2 Peter 1:3-4)

➤ **By being one heart with Spirit-filled community and praying to be Sprit-filled!**

- “And the congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul; and not one of them claimed that anything belonging to him was his own, but all things were common property to them. ³³ And with great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and abundant grace was upon them all. ³⁴ For there was not a needy person among them, for all who were owners of land or houses would sell them and bring the proceeds of the sales ³⁵ and lay them at the apostles’ feet, and they would be distributed to each as any had need.” (Acts 4:32-35)