

Being Righteous Before God

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Rev. 5:9 *Thou was slain and redeemed us to God*
Romans 5:1 *declared righteous, then, by faith*
Genesis 6:9 *Noah was a righteous man*
2 Peter 2:5 *Did not spare the ancient world*
Matthew 24:44 *Therefore be ye also ready*
James 2:26 *faith is lifeless if it is unaccompanied*
2 Peter 2:9 *Lord knows how to rescue godly men*

- 1 Is it possible to have a righteous standing before God? Since everyone has sinned, does that mean Heaven is empty and Hell full? We could think so, but Jesus gives hope to a sinful world.
- 2 AV Revelation 5:9 *“Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation.”*
- 3 It is possible for sinners to be righteous before God by believing in faith on the atoning Blood of Jesus.
- 4 YLT Romans 5:1 *“Having been declared righteous, then, by faith, we have peace toward God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*
- 5 With just two classifications of people—godly and ungodly—believers and unbelievers—righteous or unrighteous—
- 6 AV Matthew 13:49 *“At the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just;”* now we know the seriousness of the situation!

7 In Noah’s time, the people were so wicked, ungodly, and rebellious that God had to destroy all life on earth by a flood. Only Noah *believed* God, *obeyed* His instructions to build an ark, and was saved.

8 Genesis 6:9 NIV *“Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God.”*

9 Doing what God tells us to do in His Word is eternally important! Real faith does *not* make excuses, but takes *action*.

10 Obeying God’s Word as Noah did is the way to be righteous before God—who

11 NKJV 2 Peter 2:5 *“Did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly.”*

12 God warned Noah and Jesus warns us—AV Matthew 24:44 *“Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.”*

13 Noah *obeyed* God because he *believed* God would do what He said He would do!

14 AV Hebrews 11:7 *“By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.”*

15 Noah’s *obedience* condemns the world’s *disobedience*. Noah would be mocked for building an ark with no visible water, just as the world mocks believers today with no visible God to trust.

16 The ungodly thinks it foolish to trust an unseen God for healing, protection, finances, justice, and spiritual guidance.

17 Most people *then* were disobedient to God, just as most people *today* are disobedient to God.

18 Noah is the first one called *righteous* Genesis 6:9. When others *did not* heed warnings, Noah *did*

heed them—so he obeyed in faith—which made him *righteous* before God.

19 Noah knew that—WEY James 2:26 *“faith is lifeless if it is unaccompanied by obedience.”*

20 To *believe* God in faith and to *trust* Him in life means that we meet things as His Word says to meet them; we *forgive* from the heart; we *give* donations when asked; and we *place* wrongs before God in prayer.

21 *Obedience* is not *works* of the flesh, but *faith* in the true God. Faith and obedience are never separated.

22 It is true that we are saved by grace Jude 1:4 but grace teaches AV Titus 2:12-13 *“us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world.”*

23 Our *life* is to show evidence of our *faith*. Noah *acted* in faith and *obeyed* the Word because he *believed* God Genesis 6:9.

24 Real faith condemns a world of *no* faith. Noah’s life of *trust on God* is a rebuke to the world’s life of *no trust on God*—that is how Noah Hebrews 11:7 NIV *“condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.”*

25 The ark was *built* where no water was *seen*, but Noah gave no *excuses* and did not hesitate in obeying God. Faith can only *be* faith when results are not seen.

26 AV Hebrews 11:1 *“The substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”*

27 Noah was given *spoken* instructions—today we have *written* Scripture. Noah had previously lived by faith, so when a *greater* trial came, he just acted in faith as always—and God *still* requires we follow His written plan by faith.

28 Acting in faith can pertain to a financial need; physical healing; forgiving someone; needing protection; avenging a wrong; or anything else

where we trust God to get us through by our faith in His promises.

29 Noah would have *warned* the people of coming judgment because of their rebellion and unbelief. They had the *same* opportunity to believe and obey God as *Noah* did—but they were *not willing* **Matthew 23:37; Luke 13:34.**

30 Every day should begin by asking God to deliver us from a *defiant* nature and to replace it with a *compliant* one.

31 If God NIV 2 Peter 2:4 “*Protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others*”—then God will protect us *today* if we trust and obey Him.

32 NIV 2 Peter 2:6-9 “*If [God] condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly.*

33 *7 and if he rescued Lot, a righteous man, who was distressed by the filthy lives of lawless men.*

34 *8 (for that righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard)—*

35 *9 If this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue godly men from trials and to hold the unrighteous for the day of judgment.”*

36 *Everyone* has the *ability* to repent, so *anyone* can escape the flames by trusting in faith on the atoning sacrifice of Christ.

37 Trusting God in faith concerns—finances, healing, protection, showing spiritual fruit by godly attitudes toward everyone, every day!

38 Wickedness, immorality, unbelief, and getting drunk are worse today than ever. A *few* lived by faith in Noah’s day and were saved, just as *few* are willing to believe and live by faith *this* day.

39 Noah’s faith was *real* because he really *acted* in faith on the *Word*. He was “*a righteous man*” **Genesis 6:9**—but only by his *faith* in a righteous God!

40 Thousands of years *before* Jesus was born, Noah was *righteous* before God because He *did* what God told him to do.

41 Since God *cannot* change **Malachi 3:6; Titus 1:2; Hebrews 13:8**, He will save anyone today who believes in Him as Noah did.

42 Those who perished in the flood *refused* to obey God—and those who will be saved from the flames will be those who believe God and trust in faith on the shed Blood of His Son to atone for the sins in their life.

43 If we want to be righteous by *faith in Christ*—as Noah was righteous by *faith in God*—then our *stated* faith must be combined with *acting* in faith.

44 The true believer in Christ trusts God for *health* and *healing* without prescriptions or drugs; the believer trusts God for *protection* without fire-arms or policies; and the believer trusts God for daily finances without plans of the world.

45 Noah was surrounded by wickedness and unbelief *that* day, just as we are surrounded by worsening unbelief *this* day.

46 God has stated that His wrath will come on a sinful world—a world where rebellion, unbelief, and immorality are worse than ever—so God has warned—destruction by *fire* this time **2 Peter 3:10.**

47 We are to live righteous lives by living faithful to God—and NKJV 2 Peter 3:12 “*looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God.*”

48 An unbelieving world keeps following its own worldly plans and heading toward eternal suffering, but the believer keeps heeding the warnings and keeps trusting God going toward eternal life.

49 WEY Matthew 24:38-39 “*Before the Deluge, men were busy eating and drinking, taking wives or giving them, up to the very day when Noah entered the Ark, nor did they realise any danger till the Deluge came and swept them all away; so will it be at the Coming of the Son of Man.*

50 **40-42** “*Then will two men be in the open country: one will be taken away, and one left behind. Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken away, and one left behind. Be on the alert therefore, for you do not know the day on which your Lord is coming.*”

51 If we have a need, we trust God in faith to supply it—without going into debt, without letting anyone know, and without accepting any laid-up money.

52 If someone steals from us or slanders our name, we do *not* *avenge ourselves*, but *leave that to God* **Romans 12:19.**

53 We obey God’s Word to AV Matthew 5:44 “*Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;*

54 *That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven.*”

55 Responding in that *scriptural* way is how a true believer condemns the world that will *not* respond to anything in a Christlike way.

56 We *live* by faith because it is the only way to be an *heir of righteousness*—and the only way to be a *resident* in God’s kingdom!

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