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"The power of Righteousness, part 3"
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I can credit my personal growth in intimacy with the Lord to 3 powerful revelations: 1- in understanding my Righteousness in Christ (that I am the Righteousness of God); 2- in understanding God's unlimited love for me (my first love); 3- in understanding His endless grace (God, through His faithfulness, doing favors in my life). So this information that I'm sharing with you in this study on God's Righteousness, is the information that Jesus revealed to me in taking me to another, dynamic level of intimacy with Himself and with the Father.

It was like each day was a new convention of learning that I was going to! And guess what, those conventions only became better!

It was because I learned that I never again needed to shy away from His Presence, which gave me the boldness that I needed to unlimitedly receive from Him. One of the first Scriptures that the Lord showed me was from Isa 33:5-6 — ***"(5) The Lord is exalted, for He dwells on high; He has filled Zion with justice and righteousness. (6) Wisdom and knowledge (justice and Righteousness) will be the stability of your times, And the strength of salvation"***. Why is this prophetic? Because it speaks of the, then, upcoming of

Jesus in establishing the New Covenant of grace. It was from that, that God filled Zion with justice and Righteousness! The name "Zion" is a Hebrew word meaning, "monument; raised up; sepulcher", and is a perfect grace-image of the believers in Christ.

Question— "What will be the stability of your times during the trying times on this earth?

Answer— It's the wisdom and knowledge of God's justice and Righteousness that He's filled you with.

God's justice and Righteousness refer to the Redemptive work of Jesus, who became this for us, see [1 Cor 1:30](#)! So let me say it again— as a believer in Christ, inside you are filled with God's Righteousness!

Because you are God's Righteousness in this earth, He sees and treats you exactly the same way that He sees and treats Jesus!

When you pass from this life to the next, you're not going to become more Righteous so that you can enter into heaven. What will happen is that your inside will swallow up your outside (I'm not trying to be gross, just repeat what Paul said in [2 Cor 5:1-5](#)). It's your wisdom and knowledge of this inner reality that produces your stability in harsh times. That's because this is the strength of your salvation!

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I want to show you another dynamic aspect of the power of Righteousness that explodes in your life through the Redemptive revelation of Jesus Christ (Always understand that when I mention the revelation of Jesus Christ, I'm referring to [Eph 4:20-24](#)). Look at what Paul prayed in Phil 1:9-11 for believers (And yes, that includes YOU) — ***"And this I pray, that your love (*that is, God's love inside you*) may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, *being****

filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God." Let me say again that the love that Paul is praying that would increasingly abound in believer's lives is God's love that's inside them. There's nothing like letting God love others through you! In this prayer, Paul gives us 3 powerful results of one allowing this love to be abounding in his life:

- 1) *"(being able to) approve the things that are excellent"*
- 2) *"being sincere and without offense till the day of Christ"*
- 3) *"being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ"*

All 3 of these realities bring the glorious result *"to the glory and praise of God"*! Another important feature of these 3 results of this prayer is that the first 2 results are **present tense verbs**— meaning that they are continuous— you'll be APPROVING and you'll continue in sincerity and without being offended. The third result, which we will focusing on in this lesson, is **perfect tense verb**— meaning that it already happened, but it has continuous results. The phrase could have been translated as, *"having your being filled with the fruits of Righteousness which are by Jesus Christ"*.

You already have your inner being (that is, your reborn spirit) filled with Righteousness and its fruits are continuous and ongoing in your life as God's love abounds! This is the dynamic power of one whose living by the riches of God's grace!

I want to show you some main fruits of Righteousness that Paul was referring to. All of these fruits flow from the INSIDE out, as you grow in the Redemptive wisdom and knowledge of Jesus (This is how God's love abounds in your life more and more).

The Righteous fruit of kingdom-living. Kingdom-living is abundant-living, [John 10:10](#)! Look at what Jesus said in Matt 6:33— ***"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."*** I believe that we all like the words, *"and all things will be added to you"*. But notice that this addition happens as the result of seeking first His kingdom and Righteousness. God's Righteousness is our spiritual Bill of Rights to

the things of His kingdom. His Righteousness shows us what is ours in His kingdom, because His Righteousness made us heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ. The phrases of the New Testament that reveal this are phrases like, "*in Christ*", "*in the Lord*", etc, and they are mentioned over 150 times. It's as you read and discover them that the Spirit will make them real to you through the revelation of Jesus Christ. This is the powerful fruit of Righteousness!

The Righteous fruit of the sweet intimacy of fellowship. You did know that there's a difference between your fellowship with the Lord and the intimacy that you share with Him? Fellowship is eternal, because it's based upon Jesus and the work that He's done for you in making you Righteous. But intimacy is what you develop with the Lord, through your fellowship with Him. It's as you grow in the Redemptive knowledge of Righteousness (making intimacy its fruit), that your intimacy with Him is developed. I love this Scripture from Psa 17:15 in the AMP— ***"As for me, I will continue beholding Your face in righteousness (rightness, justice, and in right standing 'right-being' with You); I shall be fully satisfied, when I awake [to find myself] beholding Your form [and having sweet communion with You]."*** It's the revelation of Righteousness that causes you to be beholding God's face as your very own Abba Father! Look at how Paul brought confirmation to this in Rom 8:15— ***"For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father.'"*** This kind of intimacy with Abba Father results in, like the Psalmist said, a "*fully satisfied*" life!

The Righteous fruit of stability and strength. We looked in the beginning of the lesson, but it bears repeating. Look at Isa 33:5-6— *"The Lord is exalted, for He dwells on high; He has filled Zion with justice and righteousness. Wisdom and knowledge will be the stability of your times, And the strength of salvation"*. Because of Jesus, God has filled you with His own Righteousness! Our stability and strength in life comes from the wisdom and knowledge of this. Think of a triangle. On one side of the triangle, you have stability and strength and on the other side, there's wisdom and knowledge. These 2 sides of the triangle run parallel with each other.

The greater the wisdom and knowledge of your Righteousness in Christ, the greater your stability and strength will be in this life!

Now look at Prov 24:10— ***"If you faint in the day of adversity, Your strength is small."*** This is not meant to point fingers and give blame to those who faint at hard times, but rather, it's to let one know that our stability and strength becomes greater by through wisdom and knowledge (see this verse from the context of [v.5-6](#))!

The Righteous fruit of freedom. Freedom is where God's "FREE" has "DOMINION" in one's life. One cannot really be free, if the power of Righteousness is not working within him. This is what Paul meant by [Gal 5:1-5](#) (which is a great study in itself). Look at this prophetic Scripture in Psa 143:11— ***"Revive me, O Lord, for Your name's sake! For Your righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble."*** Notice how Righteousness brings one's soul (that's his **MIND**, **WILL**, **EMOTIONS** and **DESIRES**) out of trouble, because it brings REVIVAL to him! If you think about it, our soul is what keeps us tangled up in trouble and it's through the revelation of Jesus Christ in knowing our Righteousness, that our mind, will, emotions and desires are revived! When your soul has been delivered from trouble through the powerful fruit of Righteousness working in you, freedom reigns (FREE has DOMINION), see also [2 Cor 3:17-18](#)!

Next time that we come together, I'll continue to show you these main fruits from Righteousness. Please stay tuned!