

## THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL OF **RIGHTEOUSNESS**

Romans 1:16-17 NIV **SLIDE**

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### 1. **SLIDE** THE GOSPEL IS GOOD NEWS

What is THE GOSPEL OF GOD?

‘Gospel’ means Good News ...

THE GOSPEL OF GOD ... IS THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST –  
THE GOOD NEWS OF THE GRACE OF GOD ... THROUGH JESUS

But what many don’t realize is –

THE GOSPEL OF GOD ... **IS ALL GOOD NEWS** ... NOT BAD NEWS –

Like some jokes you hear ...

One time this kid came back from school and said "Mom I have good news and bad news, which one do you wanna hear first?" And his mom said "Good news please." and the boy said "I got 100% on my math test today" and his mom gave him a hug, and the boy said "Now to the bad news, I LIED"

Gallery Owner: Well, there is some good news and some bad news. A man came in the other day and asked me if you were a painter whose work would become more valuable after your death. When I told him I thought you were, he bought everything you had in the gallery.

Painter: Wow! That's terrific! What's the bad news?

Gallery Owner: He was your doctor

**BUT –**

THE GOSPEL OF THE GRACE OF GOD IS **ALL GOOD NEWS** –  
THERE IS NO BAD NEWS IN IT ...

THIS IS THE MESSAGE WE PREACH HERE AT NEW CREATION  
CHURCH AUSTRALIA

A MESSAGE OF **TOTAL GOOD NEWS**

THERE ARE NO DEMANDS IN IT ...  
NO HEAVY WEIGHTS PLACED ON YOU

IT IS A MESSAGE OF FREEDOM FROM SIN ...  
FREEDOM FROM CONDEMNATION ...  
FREEDOM FROM GOD'S JUDGEMENT ...

THIS IS A MESSAGE OF EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING (Ephesians 1:3)  
OF THE TOTAL ACCEPTANCE OF GOD (Ephesians 1:6 NKJV)

**IN FACT THIS GOOD NEWS IS THE BEST NEWS ANYONE COULD EVER HEAR**

**IT PROVIDES THE ANSWER FOR ALL YOUR NEEDS –  
EMOTIONAL, MENTAL, PHYSICAL, SPIRITUAL & ETERNAL**

GOD HAS PROVIDED EVERYTHING WE COULD NEED ... IN THE  
GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL OF GRACE ... THROUGH HIS SON  
JESUS CHRIST

*Does that sound just too good to be true?*

*If you doubt me ... I ask you to listen and hear this message of the  
GOOD NEWS OF ALL JESUS HAS DONE FOR YOU ...*

Paul said '*... I am not ashamed of **the gospel** ...*'

But what he was actually saying is – 'I COULDN'T BE  
MORE EXCITED ABOUT **THIS GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL.**'

*When I first started grasping this Message of the Gospel of Grace  
... I JUST HAD TO HEAR MORE!*

*I made this my church ... somewhat reluctantly ...*

***BUT I WAS HUNGRY FOR THE GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL!***

*And as I came ... and heard ... and started to understand all that the  
Gospel of Grace means ... I JUST HAD TO SUPPORT THIS  
MINISTRY ... that others may Hear and Know ... as I do ...*

*The reason I started on this message today ...*

*is **BECAUSE I AM SO EXCITED** ABOUT THE GOSPEL –  
the **GOOD NEWS** of the **GRACE OF GOD** ... **THAT SETS PEOPLE  
FREE.***

## 2. **SLIDE** THE GOSPEL IS THE POWER OF GOD

Did you know that the GOSPEL IS THE **POWER OF GOD?**

It says it in our text –

Romans 1:16 NIV **SLIDE**

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because **it is the power of God***

...

### WHAT THE **POWER OF THE GOSPEL IS NOT**

When we think of ‘Power’ associated with Christianity,  
Often we think of displays of the miraculous –

Jesus walked on the water ... He raised the dead ... and gave new eyes to people who were blind ... and a new ear to the man whose ear Peter sliced off ... and in healing leprosy he gave new parts to hands, feet and noses.

Many people marvel at this ... and have aspired to do the same ... Maybe you have seen Miracle Meetings ... where people were prayed for and healed ... Or where demons were cast out ... with much noise and ado ...

People seem to flock to meetings where the sensational and miraculous are in evidence ... Or where people are ‘giving words’. Many love it and cue for entrance when there is hype and manifestations ... even ones that aren’t mentioned in Scripture ... like laughing ... animal noises-and-behaviour ... gold dust and other precious substances descending from thin air ...

**BUT IS THIS REALLY THE POWER OF GOD?**

**WHEN PEOPLE GO TO SUCH PLACES ... DO THEY HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL?**

When people’s attention is on the miraculous, when they seek miracles, signs and wonders ... **THEY LOSE SIGHT OF JESUS.**  
**AND IT TAKES THEM AWAY FROM THE GOSPEL OF GRACE THAT IS THE POWER OF GOD.**

**THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL IS GOD’S POWER.**

It’s not the power of any man or woman wanting to gather a crowd ... or gain glory for themselves.

Not the power of someone who’s a good organizer, or an entertaining or clever speaker ...

Our verse tells us –

### WHAT THE POWER OF GOD IS

Romans 1:16 NIV **SLIDE**

*For I am not ashamed of **the gospel**, because it **is the power of God that brings salvation** to everyone who believes ...*

THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL IS THE POWER TO SAVE MEN & WOMEN FROM SIN & DARKNESS.

**THIS IS THE TRUE POWER-OF-GOD IN THE GOSPEL.**

God's Power is not having an altar call ...

GOD'S POWER IS IN THE MESSAGE ITSELF ... THE GOOD NEWS OF **ALL JESUS HAS DONE FOR US ... ALL HE WON FOR US ...** IN HIS LIFE ... DEATH & RESURRECTION ... HERE ON EARTH.

THIS MESSAGE IS INFUSED WITH THE POWER OF GOD  
THIS MESSAGE IS ANNOINTED WITH THE POWER OF THE **HOLY SPIRIT.**

THIS MESSAGE OF THE GOSPEL PENETRATES DEEP INTO THE SOULS OF MEN & WOMEN ... IT PENETRATES TO THE DEEPEST PART OF THEM ...

AND THIS MESSAGE HAS THE POWER TO CHANGE THEIR HEARTS ...

THIS IS GOD'S POWER THAT HE USES ... ACCORDING TO HIS PLAN & PURPOSES ... SO THAT PEOPLE WILL BE SAVED.

### 3. **SLIDE** THE GOSPEL IS THE POWER OF GOD THAT REVEALS GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS

Romans 1:16-17 NIV **SLIDE**

*... I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God ... <sup>17</sup>For [because] in the gospel **the righteousness of God is revealed** ...*

We have understood our Initial Salvation is for Forgiveness of Sins.

BUT THE GOSPEL OF GRACE IS MUCH MORE THAN ONLY FORGIVENESS.

Our verse doesn't say the Gospel reveals Forgiveness.

Yes it does!! BUT SALVATION IS MUCH MORE THAN FORGIVENESS

THIS VERSE TELLS US THE GOSPEL IS THE POWER OF GOD **BECAUSE IT REVEALS THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD** –

Romans 1:16-17 NIV

*... I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God ...<sup>17</sup> For [because] in the gospel **the righteousness of God is revealed** ...*

THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL IS THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD.

WHAT IS **THIS RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD?**

THIS IS NOT MY OWN SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS .

Some of us have worked hard to obtain **Righteousness** ourselves. We were taught that we had to be good ...  
Sure we love goodness –

**BUT SELF-EFFORT IS ONLY SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS ... IT'S NOT TRUE RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

Those of us who have tried this ... can tell you that striving and struggling in our own strength ... **DOESN'T BRING RIGHTEOUSNESS TO US ...** We remain faulty ... frail ... human beings ...

It only causes stress and anxiety ... and even sometimes burn out and grave health problems ...

*I've wanted to think that I could be a bit Righteous ... grow into it somehow ...*

But God tells us plainly - **ALL** our efforts are futile ... like filthy rags ... blown away by the wind ...

Isaiah 64:6 BSB

*Each of us has become like something unclean, and **all our righteous acts** are like filthy rags ...*

They amount to nothing before God ...

**NOTHING ANY HUMAN CAN DO ... IS ENOUGH TO BE SAVED ... OR TO BE FORGIVEN ...**

**BUT THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IS REVEALED IN THE GOSPEL ...**

WHAT IS **THIS RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD?**

IT IS NOT MORAL GOODNESS

**GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS IS FAR MORE THAN MORAL GOODNESS**  
– or doing what needs to be done ...

The world applauds moral goodness ... they admire someone who does the right thing for others ...

But even if they give someone a medal because they display so much moral goodness ... **THAT DOESN'T MAKE THEM RIGHTEOUS WITH GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS ...**

**GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS IS FAR HIGHER THAN MORAL GOODNESS ...**  
**IT IS COMPLETELY SELFLESS ... FULLY PURE & PERFECT ...**

**WHAT IS THIS RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD?**

**IT IS NOT THE RIGHTEOUS OF THE LAW**

The Law does have a righteousness ...

Romans 10:5 NIV

*Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: "The person who does these things [the commands of the law] will live by them."*

The Law is all about a person's efforts ... their 'doing' ... keeping rules and regulations ...

But nobody could fully keep the law.

James 2:10 tells us that even if someone broke one tiny law ... they were guilty of the whole Law.

You had to keep the whole Law ... every day ... all the time ...

And that is just impossible ...

*Driving along with a friend, they said to me ... 'Don't speed just here ... there's a speed camera.'*

*And I flashed back – 'I don't speed ...'*

*But that's not true ... Your foot goes down when you aren't paying attention and you go over the limit ...*

*My heart is there ... it's my intention not to speed ...*

*But it's just not possible to perfectly keep the law.*

And even if someone could ... they'd be so filled with pride at their works ...

Romans 3:10 BSB

... *There is no one righteous, not even one.*

Romans 3:21 ESV

*But now the **righteousness of God** has been manifested [revealed] apart from the law ...*

### WHAT IS THIS **RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD**

This **Righteousness** was revealed in the one Man Jesus Christ.

HE ALONE COULD KEEP THE LAW PERFECTLY.

SCRIPTURE TELLS US – JESUS FULFILLED THE LAW (Matthew 3:15)

**SLIDE** Jesus walked every moment of every day ... not only in Moses' Law ... but in the Spirit of God's Eternal Law ... which is on a much higher level ...

JESUS WAS **RIGHTEOUSNESS** PERSONIFIED

HE SHOWED US & DISPLAYED ... THE **RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD HIMSELF** ... AND HE HIMSELF IS GOD.

AND AS GOD ... HE WAS **RIGHTEOUS** ... FROM THE INSIDE ALL THE WAY TO THE OUTSIDE

EVERY THOUGHT ... EVERY FEELING ... EVERY ACTION OF JESUS ... WAS **ABSOLUTELY RIGHTEOUS** ...

HE NEVER SAID A THING WRONG ... HE NEVER DID A THING WRONG ... HE NEVER WANTED A THING WRONG.

IN 33 YEARS HE NEVER WAS ANYTHING ... BUT **RIGHTEOUS** ...

JESUS WAS THE **RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD**

AND THE FATHER PROCLAIMED ... THIS IS MY BELOVED SON IN WHOM MY I AM WELL PLEASED ... (Matthew 3:17)

### FOR YOU

GOD HAS GIVEN THIS REVELATION OF **HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS TO YOU** ... in the Gospel of the Good News.

AND THIS REVELATION OF **GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS IS IN YOU** ...

Romans 8:16 tells us that the Holy Spirit bears witness with our Spirit ...

And one thing it witnesses to us ... is the Revelation of the **Righteousness of God**.

THIS IS IN YOU PERSONALLY ...

Sure it's for everyone who believes ...

BUT GOD GIVES YOU THIS REVELATION SPECIFICALLY ...

A PERSONAL REVELATION OF **THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD**.

IT IS IN YOU PERMANENTLY ... God doesn't change His mind about what He gives ...

What He has given you ... He will never take back ...

THE REVELATION OF **GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS** WILL BE THROUGH YOU ... It will SHINE OUT in your life ...

THIS IS THE GOOD NEWS OF THE REVELATION OF THE **RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD** .... THAT COMES TO US BY GRACE

THIS **RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD** IS NOT ONLY REVEALED TO US

**SLIDE** THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD  
IS ACCOUNTED TO EVERY BELIEVER

GOD PROVIDED THIS GIFT OF **GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS** FOR YOU ... AT SALVATION

Romans 5:17 BLB **SLIDE**

*... Those receiving the abundance of grace and of **the gift of righteousness** reign in life through the one, Jesus Christ.*

Do you see that ...

When we received God's abundance of Grace ... at salvation

We were also gifted **God's Righteousness**.

We were counted as **Righteous as God** ...

That means ... that no matter how sinful you may have been ... or what a failure you may feel ... **God's Righteousness** is accounted to you as if you had earned it ... through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THIS MEANS THAT **GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS** HAS BEEN GIVEN TO YOU AS IF IT WAS YOUR OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS. IT HAS BEEN CREDITED TO YOU –



## IT HAS BEEN PAID INTO YOUR ACCOUNT

*Like someone who gifts you with money ... they just put it into your account ... even though you don't know anything about it ... BUT IT IS NOW YOURS.*

IN THE SAME WAY ...

GOD HAS PLACED **HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS** INTO YOUR LIFE ...

Romans gives us the example of Abraham being credited as **Righteous** –

Romans 4:3 NIV **SLIDE**

*“Abraham **believed** God, and it was **credited to him as righteousness.**”*

We learn through Abraham ... that Righteousness is credited to us ... when we believe God –

Romans 4:23-24 Word English Bible

*Now it was not written that it **[righteousness] was accounted to him [Abraham] for his sake alone** <sup>24</sup>**but for our sake also**, to whom it will be accounted, [to us] who believe in him who raised Jesus, our Lord, from the dead.*

*At this point, some Grace Christians hop off the train ... They see themselves as having arrived at the Ultimate Grace Platform ... and so they go about their lives ... just drifting along. They praise God knowing they have been Counted as Righteous ... and just stay in the place they always were.*

***BUT THE TRAIN OF THE GOSPEL OF GRACE – GOES ON ... EVEN FURTHER IN OUR LIVES ...***

WE ARE ACCOUNTED AS **RIGHTEOUS** ...

BUT FURTHER -

**SLIDE GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS IS IMPARTED INTO US –**

Not only are we counted as if we were **Righteous** ...

Paul says in Corinthians –

WE BECOME **GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS**

2 Corinthians 5:21 BSB **SLIDE**

*God made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, **so that in Him we might BECOME THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD.***

WE HAVE BECOME **THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD** IN CHRIST ...

Can this be so surprising ... when we are God's own children ... reborn in His image ... NOT physically this time ... but Spiritually.

John 3:6 BSB

*That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and **that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.***

At salvation ... God gave us this New Pure Spirit - Ezekiel 36:26  
THAT IS JUST LIKE HE IS – AS **RIGHTEOUS AS GOD IS RIGHTEOUS.**

THIS NEW PURE SPIRIT IS INSIDE YOU ...  
YOU HAVE BECOME **GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS.**  
AND YOU CAN'T LOSE IT ...

IT HAS BEEN GIFTED TO YOU ... AND IT WILL NEVER BE TAKEN BACK.

IT WON'T WAVER OR WEAKEN ...  
YOU HAVE BECOME ... AS GOD IS ... **100% RIGHTEOUS** ...  
AND THAT WILL NEVER CHANGE.

IT IS NOT SOMETHING YOU CAN EARN OR ATTAIN TO ...  
NOTHING WE COULD DO IS GOOD ENOUGH

BUT THERE IS ALSO NOTHING YOU COULD DO TO LOSE IT!

Yes ... our flesh still fails ...

BUT YOUR NEW PURE **RIGHTEOUS** SPIRIT ... REMAINS THE SAME.

WE HAVE BECOME **THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD** ... WHETHER OUR FLESH FAILS ... OR NOT ...

ALL BY GOD'S GRACE ... AS REVEALED IN THE GOSPEL OF THE GOOD NEWS ...

WE ARE COUNTED **AS RIGHTEOUS AS GOD**

This may seem amazing to you ...

You may not have heard this teaching before ... or been aware of it ... BUT REGARDLESS OF THIS ... THESE THINGS ARE TRUE OF YOU.

*It's a bit like someone who has won the lotto ... but can't be found.  
They are off somewhere oblivious to the riches that now belong to  
them ...*

*THE MONEY IS THEIRS ... IT'S THERE WAITING FOR THEM ...  
THEY JUST HAVE TO KNOW ... AND COME TO ENJOY IT ...*

#### 4. THIS GOSPEL REVEALS **THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD** FROM FIRST TO LAST

Romans 1:16-17 NIV Redacted **SLIDE**

*... **The gospel** ... is ... the righteousness of God ... by faith **from  
first to last** ...*

THE POWER OF **THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD** GOES ON IN US  
... FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES HERE ON THIS EARTH.

**SLIDE** It goes on ... FROM FIRST BELIEVING ... TO THE END OF  
BELIEVING ... or to the End Of Our Lives ...

GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS IS THERE ... IN EVERYTHING WE DO ...  
EVERYWHERE WE GO ... EVERY DAY ... WE ARE **THE RIGHTEOUS  
OF GOD**.

IT NEVER CHANGES ...

IT REMAINS THE SAME ...

BECAUSE IT IS **CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS** GIFTED TO YOU.

IT IS NOT YOURS ...

IT IS **CHRIST** IN YOU ... AND CHRIST DOESN'T FAIL.

You may not have been aware of these things ...

But as you Know this truth ... study into this truth ... and think on  
these things ...

God's Spirit will make it clear to you ...

You will start to see God's Righteousness really is inside of you ...

THE TEACHING OF THE GOSPEL ... REVEALS **GOD'S  
RIGHTEOUSNESS** TO US ... MORE & MORE ...

THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD BECOMES MORE PROFOUND ... THE  
MORE WE HEAR IT ...

THE GOSPEL UNCOVERS OR REVEALS MORE ABOUT THIS  
**RIGHTEOUSNESS** THAT HAS BEEN IMPUTED TO US AND  
IMPARTED INTO US.

It's so exciting to see **God's Righteousness** unfolding in your life ... as you live from day to day ...

## 5. THIS GOSPEL IS THE POWER OF **GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS TO LIVE IN & WALK IN**

### **SLIDE**

Romans 1:17 NIV Redacted

*[We have] ... a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "THE RIGHTEOUS WILL LIVE BY FAITH."*

GOD HAS PLACED **HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS** INSIDE US,  
SO THAT WE CAN **LIVE IN HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS** ... WALK IN HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS –  
AND KNOW WE ARE **AS RIGHTEOUS AS GOD IS.**

WHEN WE KNOW THIS TRUTH-THAT-IS-THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL ... WE CAN **LIVE IN HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS** IN THE FACE OF ALL OPPOSITION THAT WILL EVER COME AGAINST US

WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE-THAT-WE-HAVE-GOD'S-RIGHTEOUSNESS ... WE FLOUNDER IN THE WORLD – ON THE TIDES OF DOUBT & FEAR & UNCERTAINTY

I have people say to me – We need to know about **Grace Righteousness** so we don't keep being overwhelmed by the flesh ...

PEOPLE WHO DON'T KNOW THE TRUTH OF **THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD** REVEALED IN THE GOSPEL ... ARE POWERLESS CHRISTIANS.

BUT GOD HAS GIVEN US THIS POWER OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF **HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS** IN US ... SO THAT WE CAN STAND AS THE **RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD** IN THIS WORLD.

WE CAN STAND IN WHO WE ARE – **THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD** NO MATTER WHAT MIGHT COME AGAINST US.

WE DON'T TRY AND LIVE UP TO THIS **RIGHTEOUSNESS** ...  
WE ARE ALREADY **THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD**  
WE LIVE AS WHO WE ARE ... WHO GOD HAS ALREADY MADE US.  
WE LIVE FROM THE INSIDE OUT ... FROM **THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD** IMPARTED INTO US ...  
WE LEARN TO LIVE AS **RIGHTEOUS** ...

BECAUSE WE ARE **THE RIGHTEOUS**.

Look at our verse again ... it says it here –

Romans 1:17 NIV Redacted

*[We have] ... a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “**THE RIGHTEOUS** will live by faith.”*

See we are called **THE RIGHTEOUS** ones ...

In **God's Righteousness** ...

## FAITH

AND WE LIVE FROM FAITH ...

THIS ISN'T US TRYING TO WORK THE FAITH UP ...

FAITH IS THE GIFT OF GOD GIVEN TO US AT SALVATION ... THAT GOES ON & ON - Ephesians 2:8-9 tells us

WE LIVE FROM FAITH ... BUT THIS ISN'T OUR FAITH CAUSING US TO LIVE IN **RIGHTEOUSNESS** ... BUT **RIGHTEOUSNESS** CAUSING US TO LIVE IN THE REALM OF FAITH – A SPIRITUAL REALM ... WHICH WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO SEE AND LIVE IN ... THE SPIRITUAL PLACE WHERE BELIEVING SATURATES THE ATMOSPHERE ...

BECAUSE OF FAITH ... WE DON'T LOOK AT THINGS NATURALLY ... BUT FROM FAITH ... FROM **RIGHTEOUSNESS** ... FROM THE REALM OF FAITH.

**RIGHTEOUSNESS** IMPARTED INTO US ... WILL CAUSE US TO LIVE IN FAITH ... BY FAITH ... OUT FROM THIS FAITH ... FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES ...

AND WE ... AS **GOD'S RIGHTEOUS ONES** ... WILL LEARN TO LIVE & MOVE BY FAITH ... MORE & MORE ...

## FALLING IN LOVE WITH THIS **RIGHTEOUSNESS**

ONCE WE SEE **THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD** WE CAN'T HELP FALLING IN LOVE WITH **RIGHTEOUSNESS**

It is said of Jesus –

Hebrews 1:9 ESV

*You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”*

ONCE WE SEE THE PURITY, GOODNESS & PERFECTION OF **GOD’S RIGHTEOUSNESS** ... WE FALL IN LOVE WITH IT ... AND WE FIND THAT TO WALK IN **RIGHTEOUSNESS** ... COMES SO EASILY & NATURALLY (See Matthew 11:28-30 Message Bible)

**GOD’S RIGHTEOUSNESS** IS ALREADY IN EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES.

GOD MADE YOU AS **RIGHTEOUS AS HE IS** ... THE MOMENT YOU WERE SAVED ... EVEN THOUGH YOU DIDN’T KNOW IT ...

To better understand how our Born-Again Life works ...

Let’s liken our New Life in Jesus to the growing up of an Oak Tree ...

- Like I read in a post from Grace Life International

*When an oak tree first pushes through the ground as a seedling, it is 100% an oak tree already. For the remainder of its life ... it will simply grow more and more into the oak tree it already is.*

*In the same way, God wants you to understand that you became as **Righteous** as God is ... the moment you were saved.*

*You were given **God’s Righteousness** at salvation - the beginning of your new life in Him ... And from that point until we die, we can grow more and more into who we already are as a **Righteous** person in Christ.*

THIS **RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD** ... IS THE POWER OF THE GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL.

THIS MESSAGE IS THE GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL ... REVEALING THE **RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD** ...

THIS IS THE ETERNAL GOSPEL –

Revelation 14:6

*Then I saw another angel flying overhead, with **the eternal gospel** to proclaim to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation and tribe and tongue and people.*

THIS IS THE GOSPEL OF THE GRACE OF GOD ... THAT EMPOWERS CHRISTIANS IN **GOD’S RIGHTEOUSNESS**

**ALL BY HIS GRACE ...**