

LIVE BY THE SPIRIT

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit – GAL 5:25 (NIV)

PT 11: The Power Of Righteousness

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Scripture – Rom 14:17 (NIV)

¹⁷ For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit

1. What Is Righteousness?

a) Jehovah Tsidkenu – “The Lord our righteousness”

- God’s measure of what’s right and straight
- To be faultless and guiltless before God
- Right standing with God

b) 2 Aspects:

- Credited righteousness – Rom 4:4-5(DLNT)

⁴ Now to the one working, the wages are not credited to him based-on grace, but based on debt. ⁵ But to the one not working but putting-faith upon the One declaring the ungodly righteous— his faith is credited for righteousness.

- Cultivated righteousness – Heb 12:11 (NIV)

¹¹ No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

2. How Righteousness Empower Us

a) 1 Jn 3:21 (NLT) – Confidence

²¹ *Dear friends, if we don't feel guilty, we can come to God with bold confidence.*

- Prvb 28:1 (CEB)

The wicked run away even though no one pursues them, but the righteous are as confident as a lion.

b) Rom 5:17 (CEB) – Overcome

¹⁷ *If death ruled because of one person's failure, those who receive the multiplied grace and the gift of righteousness will even more certainly rule in life through the one person Jesus Christ.*

c) Eph 6:14 (NET) – Protection

¹⁴ *Stand firm therefore, by fastening the belt of truth around your waist, by putting on the breastplate of righteousness*

d) Psa 5:12 (NIV) – Blessings

¹² *Surely, LORD, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield.*