

# THE FRUIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

1 John 2:29

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Sowing righteousness into your spiritual life will please the Lord and confirm to others that your Christianity is more than just all talk. It will also promote more of a holy atmosphere here in our fellowship.

## **SAVED PEOPLE:**

Walking in the light instead of darkness – *1 John 1:5-7*;

Admitting and confessing when we sin instead of lying and saying we didn't - *1 John 1:8-10*;

Keeping His commandments proves that we have come to know Him – *1 John 2:3-6*;

Loving (instead of hating) those not worthy of our love proves that we know God- *1 John 2:8-13*;

Staying away from loving the world (lust-flesh, eyes, pride of life) *1 John 2:15-17*;

Remaining true to the Lord despite persecution from those who deny Christ – *1 John 2:19-24*;

Allowing the Spirit of God to help us discern the truth from a lie – *1 John 2:26-28*

“Righteousness” means justice, justness, or divine holiness. The Bible’s standard of human righteousness is God’s own perfection in every attribute, every attitude, every behavior, and every word.

God is completely righteous (*Isaiah 45:21–24*);

We cannot attain righteousness on our own (*Isaiah 64:6*);

Human nature is the opposite of righteousness (*Romans 3:10–18*);

Righteousness is not attained by works (*Romans 4:18–25*);

Strict legalism cannot make us righteous (*Galatians 3:11–21*);

Our God-given righteousness is armor against Satan’s attacks (*Ephesians 6:14*);

We become righteous through faith in Christ (*Philippians 3:9*);

Studying and applying God’s Word helps us grow in righteousness (*2 Timothy 3:16*)

Righteousness ought to characterize each believer’s life (*1 Peter 2:24*); *2 Corinthians 5:21*

Jesus exchanged our sin for His perfect righteousness so that we can one day stand before God and He will see not our sin, but the holy righteousness of the Lord Jesus

## **1. THE ORIGIN & OBJECT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS – v. 29a**

Righteousness begins and originates with God and flows outward. The outward flow makes Him the object of righteousness. So, the standard of righteousness is within the Godhead alone.

*Psalm 11:7; Psalm 98:9; Psalm 145:17*

## **2. THE OFFSPRING & OPERATION OF RIGHTEOUSNESS v. 29b**

If you find someone “practicing righteousness” they are operating out of a relationship with Christ because they are born again or born of Him into God’s family. And as offspring (sons and daughters of God) the operation of righteousness is manifested in how we treat other people.

**How can you tell if a person is truly saved? *1 John 3:4-10*.** If you are practicing unrighteousness (opposite of righteousness), your sail is set to allow sin and selfishness to blow the boat of your life away from doing what is right by God and others, you are in God’s eyes, not one of His. But if you are, you have signed up God’s discipling hand, that will chasten you until you get it RIGHT.

We should be doing right by what God expects from the commandment to bear fruit.