

Can we have the Righteousness of God?

Various definitions of righteous used in the bible:

Righteous- 06662 tsaddiyq {tsad-deek'} from 06663; TWOT - 1879c; adj AV - righteous 162, just 42, righteous man 1, lawful 1; 206 1) just, lawful, righteous.

Righteous- 06663 tsadaq {saw-dak'} a primitive root; TWOT - 1879; v AV - justify 23, righteous 10, just 3, justice 2, cleansed 1, clear ourselves 1, righteousness 1; 41 1) to be just, be righteous 1a) (Qal) 1a1) to have a just cause, be in the right 1a2) to be justified 1a3) to be just (of God) 1a4) to be just, be righteous (in conduct and character)

Righteous - 03477 yashar {yaw-shaw'r'} from 03474; TWOT - 930a; adj AV - right 53, upright 42, righteous 9, straight 3, convenient 2, Jasher 2, equity 1, just 1, meet 1, meetest 1, upright ones 1, uprightly 1, uprightness 1, well 1; 119 1) straight, upright, correct, right

Righteous- 1342 dikaios {dik'-ah-yos} from 1349; TDNT - 2:182,168; adj AV - righteous 41, just 33, right 5, meet 2; 81 1) righteous, observing divine laws 1a) in a wide sense, upright, righteous, virtuous, keeping the commands of God 1a1) of those who seem to themselves to be righteous, who pride themselves to be righteous, who pride themselves in their virtues, whether real or imagined.

Righteous- 1344 dikaios {dik'-ah-yo'-o} from 1342; TDNT - 2:211,168; v AV - justify 37, be freed 1, be righteous 1, justifier 1; 40 1) to render righteous or such he ought to be 2) to show, exhibit, evince, one to be righteous, such as he is and wishes himself to be considered 3) to declare, pronounce, one to be just, righteous, or such as he ought to be

Righteous – 1343* dikaiosune {dik'-ah-yos-oo'-nay} from 1342; TDNT - 2:192,168; n f AV - righteousness 92; 92 1) in a broad sense: state of him who is as he ought to be, righteousness, * the condition acceptable to God 1a) the doctrine concerning the way in which man may attain a state approved of God 1b) integrity, virtue, purity of life, rightness, correctness of thinking feeling, and acting 2) in a narrower sense, justice or the virtue which gives each his due.

* Righteous as an attribute of God: *

God is always good. It is essential to His character. He always does the right thing. Ultimately since He is God, whatever He does is right... He is absolute. His actions are always consistent with His character, which is love. Let's remember all His **natural attributes** Omniscient, Omnipotent, Omnipresent, Eternal, Immutable, Incomprehensible, Self-existent, Self-sufficient Infinite, Transcendent, and Sovereign. His **moral attributes** Holy, Righteous, Just, Merciful, Long-suffering, Wise, Loving, Good, Wrathful, Truthful, Faithful, and Jealous.

Deut. 32: 4 [He is] the Rock, his work [is] perfect:(complete, whole, entire, sound) for all his ways [are] judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and **right (03477)** (straight, upright, correct.) [is] he.

Ps. 119: 142 Thy **righteousness (6664)** (justice, rightness, righteousness) [is] an everlasting righteousness, and thy law [is] the truth.

Ps. 119:137 ,138 **Righteous** [art] thou, O LORD, and upright [are] thy judgments. 138 Thy testimonies [that] thou hast commanded [are] **righteous (6662)** just, lawful, righteous) and very faithful.

Ex. 9: 27 And Pharaoh sent, and called for Moses and Aaron, and said unto them, I have sinned this time: the LORD [is] **righteous (6662)**, and I and my people [are] wicked.

2 Chr. 12: 6 Whereupon the princes of Israel and the king humbled themselves; and they said, The LORD [is] **righteous. (6662)**

Ps. 11: 7 For the **righteous** LORD loveth **righteousness (6662)**; his countenance doth behold the upright.

John 17: 25 O **righteous (1342)** (observing divine laws) Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.

Rom. 2: 5 But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the **righteous (1341)** judgment of God; (the words here righteous judgments here mean exactly that)

2Thess. 1: 5 [Which is] a manifest token of the **righteous (1342)** judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer: 6 Seeing [it is] a **righteous (1342)** (righteous, observing divine laws) thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;

1 John 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the **righteous. (1342)**

Ps. 11:7 For the righteous LORD loveth **righteousness (6662)** just, lawful, righteous); his countenance doth behold the upright. So righteousness pleases God.

People called righteous by God and why. What was it that made God see Noah as righteous?

Gen. 6:8 But Noah found **grace** (favour, acceptance) in the eyes of the LORD. 9 These [are] the generations of Noah: Noah was a **just** (06662) 1) (lawful, righteous man) [and] **perfect** (1) (complete, whole, entire, sound) in his generations, [and] Noah walked with God.

2 Cor. 12: 9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong

Gen. 6:22 Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he. He was obedient.

What did Noah do?

1. He obeyed the lord in building the ark; even though there was no water to be found in order to float the ark, and rain had never fallen upon the earth.
2. He remained faithful for the entire 120 years in building the ark. **Matt.24: 13** But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. **Mark 4:17** And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended. {offended: or, stumbled, or, caused to fall into sin}
3. He found grace in the eyes of God. Men hated Noah I am sure he was ridiculed, and mocked for what he and his family were doing. In Noah's preaching he condemned the world, their way of living, and told them about someone they would not believe in. **Rom. 3: 20** Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law [is] the knowledge of sin. 21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; 22 Even the righteousness of God [which is] by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: 23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Without Jesus as Lord and Savior we have no grace, therefore there is no redemption.

Gen.7: 1 And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen **righteous** (06662) 1) just, lawful, righteous) before me in this generation.

Heb. 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** (1343) (the condition acceptable to God) which is by faith. {Moved...: or, being wary} **2 Cor. 6:1** We then, [as] workers together [with him], beseech [you] also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. The grace (favour) of God meant is the gospel, the ministry of reconciliation. To receive it in vain would be to receive it and yet not respond to it with thankfulness and holy living.

Job 1:1 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name [was] Job; and that man was **perfect** 8535 (perfect, complete) and **upright**, (03477 yashar {yaw-shaw'r'} from 03474, 1) straight, upright, correct, right used as righteous 9 times) and one that feared God, and eschewed (to turn aside, depart) evil.

Romans 4: 3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham **believed** (4100 pisteuo {pist-yoo'-o} from 4102 pistis {pis'-tis} from 3982; 1) conviction of the truth of anything, belief; in the NT of a conviction or belief respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, generally with the included idea of trust and holy fervour born of faith and joined with it ; the conviction that God exists and is the creator and ruler of all things, the provider and bestower of eternal salvation through Christ) God, and it was counted unto him for **righteousness**. We see in the life of Abraham a man who did not always do what God told him and often tried to do what God wanted done his own way. God still counted him righteous, because he actively believed whom God was and in the promise of God's seed through him. Otherwise he believed in the promised Messiah.

Jer. 23:5 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous (just, lawful) Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

Matt. 9:13 But go ye and learn what [that] meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous (1349) 1) righteous, observing divine laws 1a) in a wide sense, upright, righteous, virtuous, keeping the commands of God), but sinners to repentance.

Matt. 25:37-46 Then shall the **righteous** 1342 (1 observing divine laws 1a) in a wide sense, upright, righteous, virtuous, keeping the commands of God) answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed [thee]? or thirsty, and gave [thee] drink? 38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took [thee] in? or naked, and clothed [thee]? 39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? 40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done [it] unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done [it] unto me. 41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: 42 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: 43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. 44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? 45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did [it] not to one of the least of these, ye did [it] not to me. 46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the **righteous** (1342) into life eternal. The righteous are obedient.

Luke 1:5, 6 There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife [was] of the daughters of Aaron, and her name [was] Elisabeth. 6 And they were both **righteous** 1342 (1 observing divine

laws 1a) in a wide sense, upright, righteous, virtuous, keeping the commands of God) before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. (deserving no censure, free from fault or defect)

***Rom. 3:10** “As it is written, There is none **righteous (1342)** (1 observing divine laws 1a) in a wide sense, upright, righteous, virtuous, keeping the commands of God), no, not one”: This scripture is a description of The fool who is saying in his heart there is no God. As it is says in **Ps. 14:1** It goes on to say these are corrupt and do NO good. They are described as children of men, not children of God. **Matt. 20: 26** But Jesus beheld [them], and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible. Scripture needs to be taken in context of all scripture pertaining to the subject and not exclusive to one scripture on that subject. We are speaking about a born again child of God.

Gal. 2:21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if **righteousness (1343)** 1) in a broad sense: state of him who is as he ought to be,) righteousness, the condition acceptable to God [come] by the law, then Christ is dead in vain. So when we are under the law there is no grace. If **righteousness does not come by the law**, it cannot come through obedience of the law alone. But we cannot exclude obedience, since it is commanded of God children.

Rom. 5:19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made **righteous? (1342)** Christ makes us righteous, not the law, we are made righteous through the indwelling Comforter, Holy Spirit of God and our obedience is not to God not to the law.

1Tim 1: 9-11 Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous (1342) man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, 10 For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine; 11 According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust. Making a law just shows where sin lies it does not change sin into righteousness. The Law does not stop sin, it really allows us to recognize that there is sin all around.

Heb. 11: 4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was **righteous (1342)**, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh. Acting in faith of God's will allows us to be seen as righteous.

James 5: 16 Confess [your] faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a **righteous (1342)** man availeth much. We are in right standing with God as we in faith act on His word.

1 John 2: 28, 29 and now, little children abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming. 29 If ye know that he is **righteous (1342)**, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him. Righteousness comes only through Christ, not in obedience alone. One who obeys parts of the law is still lost until he receives Christ as his Lord and Savior. When we are born of Christ (born again) we are then capable of righteousness not of ourselves but of Christ.

Deut. 25:1 If there be a controversy between men, and they come unto judgment, that [the judges] may judge them; then they shall justify the **righteous 06662**), and condemn the wicked.
How should we seek the lord?

Jer. 29:12 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. 13 And ye shall seek me, and find [me], when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

Righteous comes through Faith:

Roma 4:3, 5, 9,11, 13, 20, 22, 24: 3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. 9 [Cometh] this blessedness then upon the circumcision [only], or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness. 11 And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which [he had yet] being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also: 13 For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, [was] not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. 20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; 22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. : 24 But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;

Counted (regarded) for the sake of obedience:

Deut 6:25 And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the LORD our God, as he hath commanded us.

Fruits of Righteousness:

Matt 5:20 For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed [the righteousness] of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Matt 12:35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

Matt 12:50 For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

John 13:35 By this shall all [men] know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

John 14:21-24 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. 22 Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? 23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. 24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

John 15:4, 5, 8,12 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye [are] the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. {without me: or, severed from me} 8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. 12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

Roma 6:19-22 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. 20 For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. {from...: Gr. to righteousness} 21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things [is] death. 22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

2 Cor 7:10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

2 Cor 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; {imaginations: or, reasonings}

2 Cor 13:5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

Gala 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Gala 6:7,8 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. 8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

Phil 1:11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

Phil 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of [his] good pleasure.

Phil 3:12,13,14 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. 13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but [this] one thing [I do], forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

2 Tim 2:22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Jam 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, [and] to keep himself unspotted from the world.

2 Joh 1:9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

3 Joh 1:11 Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God.