

BIBLE TRUTHS ABOUT SALVATION

LESSON THREE

In Lesson 1, the issues of certainty of eternal life and the sinfulness of man were discussed. Lesson 2 covered how one receives eternal life through faith. Lesson 3 will consider the topic of the need for righteousness to enter God's kingdom. What is righteousness? The Greek word carries the idea of conformity to a norm or law and often deals with inner character. It refers to that which is just or virtuous displaying integrity or purity. Maybe we could simply say that it refers to "goodness". The question is if God's kingdom is a righteous or good kingdom how much goodness or righteousness is required in order for one to enter?

1. How many types of righteousness does one find in Romans 10:3?

2. What are they? _____

3. What do we learn about God's righteousness in:
 - a. Deuteronomy 32:4

 - b. 1 John 1:5

4. What do we learn about man's righteousness in:
 - a. Romans 3:10-12

 - b. Isaiah 64:6

5. If a person does not know that the perfect righteousness of God is being offered, what does he normally try and do? Romans 10:3

6. What is the Lord's desire for our life? Matthew 5:48

7. What type of righteousness or goodness is needed to enter the New Jerusalem (God's kingdom)? Revelation 21:27

8. Where does one learn about the righteousness of God? Romans 3:21

9. What will our Lord's title be in the New Kingdom? Jeremiah 23:6

10. In whose righteousness or goodness does the psalmist boast in Psalm 71:2,15,16,19?

11. Who covers the believer with true righteousness in God's kingdom? Isaiah 61:10

12. In the parable of the wedding feast (which represents God's kingdom) in Matthew 22:1-14, why was a man cast out? _____

13. It must be kept in mind in the historical context the king provided garments for his guests.

14. In 2 Corinthians 5:21 what did Jesus take that really belongs to us?

And what does Jesus offer that really belongs to Him?

15. How does one receive the righteousness of God? Romans 3:22

16. What needs to be done?

1. We must admit that we are sinners before God and unable to produce a righteousness that is required by God.

2. We must believe that Jesus died and rose from the dead to provide that perfect righteousness.

3. By faith we must receive righteousness from God. If one would consider either a shirt or a blouse to represent their own righteousness and a coat to represent the righteousness of Christ. Your own clothing is totally insufficient to gain access to God's kingdom. If one would put on the coat (Christ's righteousness) – that person could enter although the person is entering on a righteousness that is not their own. According to the New Testament this is the only way one can enter.

Please take time to read Romans chapter 4 as time permits.

17. What is Paul's testimony in Phil. 3:9 concerning the righteousness of God?

Final thought: Do you have the righteousness of God?