

TRUE RIGHTEOUSNESS

Lesson 4a - Matthew 5: 20 – 22

“True righteousness is unattainable by obedience to any law, or by merit of man’s own, or any other condition than that of faith in Christ. The man who trusts in Christ becomes ‘the righteousness of God’ and becomes in Christ all that God requires a man to be, all that he could never be in himself.”

Vines Expository Dictionary

“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”
Matthew 5: 20

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is a gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”
Ephesians 2: 8 & 9

The call:

Jesus’ deity, authority, and fulfillment – Matthew 1:21 – 23

Repent – Matthew 4:14

The challenge:

Self-righteousness vs. God’s righteousness

Old Testament examples – Job and Abraham

Definition and practice – thinking, behavior, conclusions

The cause:

The heart – Jeremiah 17:9 and Ezekiel 36:26

The cure:

Christ Jesus – I Corinthians 1: 26 – 31 and I John 1: 5 – 2:6

