

Righteous & Holy

Lesson 6 – Teacher's Guide

1. Our born-again spirits—the new man—were created after God in righteousness and true holiness (Eph. 4:20-24). We need to recognize and acknowledge our true selves in God's mirror. The degree of holiness we live outwardly may vary, but the nature of our born-again spirits is righteousness and true holiness.
2. That's why we must worship God in spirit and truth (John 4:24). We cannot approach God unless we come to Him through the righteousness and true holiness of who we are in the spirit. No matter how hard we try, we'll never measure up to God's perfection through our own efforts in the physical, emotional, and mental realms.
3. Jesus Himself literally became our righteousness (1 Cor. 1:30). Now that we're born again, one-third of our beings is completely righteous. Unlike our spirits, our bodies and souls are in process.
4. God can only accept us based on who we are in our born-again spirits. Anyone who hasn't received the Lord but tries to approach Him based on who they are in their actions and thoughts will always fall short of His glory (Rom. 3:23). Man's performance simply cannot accomplish what only the new birth can—change his spiritual nature. That's why the new birth is so essential.
5. Let's fix our gaze on God's mirror, which reflects us as righteous, holy, and pure. As who we are in Christ grows stronger in our hearts, carnal "reality" must give way to spiritual reality. That's when we'll experience life and peace.

1. A. Read Ephesians 4:20-24. How was our new man created? (After God in righteousness and true holiness)
B. Does the nature of our new man vary? (No)
2. A. John 4:24 says that we must worship God how? (In spirit and truth)
B. Can we approach the Lord through who we are in our bodies and souls? (No)
C. Since God is a Spirit, we must approach Him through who we are _____. (In our born-again spirits)
3. A. According to 1 Corinthians 1:30, Jesus became our what? (Righteousness)
B. Did our souls and bodies join our spirits in becoming completely righteous the moment we were born again? (No)
4. A. What does Romans 3:23 say about the unbeliever who tries to approach the Lord based on who they are in their actions and thoughts? (They come short of the glory of God)
B. Can man's performance change his spiritual nature? (No)
5. A. Where must we go to see ourselves as righteous, holy, and pure? (God's mirror, which is His Word)
B. When will we experience life and peace? (When who we are in Christ grows stronger in our hearts than carnal "reality")

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Lesson 6 – Outline

1. Your born-again spirit—the new man—was created after God in righteousness and true holiness.

“But ye have not so learned Christ; If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness” (Eph. 4:20-24).

- A. Recognize and acknowledge your true self in God’s mirror.
 - B. The degree of holiness you live outwardly may vary, but the nature of your born-again spirit is righteousness and true holiness.
2. You must worship God in spirit and truth.

“God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and truth” (John 4:24).

- A. You cannot approach God unless you come to Him through the righteousness and true holiness of who you are in the spirit.
 - B. No matter how hard you try, you’ll never measure up to God’s perfection through your own efforts in the physical, emotional, and mental realms.
3. Jesus Himself literally became your righteousness.

“But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption” (1 Cor. 1:30).

- A. Now that you’re born again, one-third of your being is completely righteous.
 - B. Unlike your spirit, your body and soul are in process.
4. God can only accept you based on who you are in your born-again spirit.
- A. Anyone who hasn’t received the Lord but tries to approach Him based on who they are in their actions and thoughts will always fall short of His glory (Rom. 3:23).
 - B. Man’s performance simply cannot accomplish what only the new birth can—change his spiritual nature.

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Lesson 6 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to Ephesians 4:20-24, what are we to put off?
2. What are we to put on?
3. How does verse 23 tell us to do this?
4. According to John 4:24, God is a _____.
5. As a believer, what part of us is like God?
6. How, then, must we approach Him?
7. Isaiah 64:6 says that we are all as an _____ thing, and all our _____ are as filthy rags.
8. Is this speaking of an unbeliever or a believer?
9. Therefore, when a New Testament believer confesses “All of my righteousness is as filthy rags,” they are:
 - A. Talking about their own self-righteousness, which they aren’t supposed to approach God with anyway
 - B. Totally ignorant of the truth that they’ve been made righteous in their spirit with Christ’s righteousness
 - C. Insulting God and His Word
 - D. All of the above
 - E. None of the above
10. What does Romans 3:23 say about approaching God based on who we are in our actions and thoughts?
11. According to Galatians 4:6, who has God sent forth into the hearts of His children?
12. From their hearts, what does He cry?
13. According to Romans 8:9, who does the Spirit of God dwell in?
14. Those who have not the Spirit of Christ are _____.

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Lesson 6 – Answer Key

1. The former conversation (conduct) of the old man, which is corrupt according to deceitful lusts.
2. The new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.
3. Be renewed in the spirit of your mind.
4. Spirit.
5. Our born-again spirits.
6. In spirit and in truth. We approach God through the truth of who the Word says we are in the spirit.
7. Unclean, righteousnesses.
8. An unbeliever.
9.
 - A. Talking about their own self-righteousness, which they aren't supposed to approach God with anyway.
 - B. Totally ignorant of the truth that they've been made righteous in their spirit with Christ's righteousness.
 - C. Insulting God and His Word.
 - D. All of the above.
10. All have sinned and come short of God's glory.
11. The Spirit of His Son.
12. "Abba, Father!"
13. Those who are in the Spirit.
14. None of His.

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Lesson 6 – Scriptures

“But ye have not so learned Christ; If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness” (Eph. 4:20-24).

“God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and truth” (John 4:24).

“But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption” (1 Cor. 1:30).

“But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away” (Is. 64:6).

“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23).

“And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father” (Gal. 4:6).

“But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any many have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his” (Rom. 8:9).