

*“If ye know that He is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of Him.” 1 John 2:29 KJV*



Ever hear someone say, “He is just like his Dad!” We inherit certain looks, character, and personality from our birth parents; some by genetics and some acquired. Those “*born of the Spirit*” act like God, because they are “*born of Him*.” Eternal Righteousness is the defining attribute of God! Holiness is God’s nature to do right and be perfect, because “*God is Light and in Him is NO darkness at all!*” On the other hand, men are by nature sinners. “*For ALL have sinned. There is none righteous; NO NOT ONE!*” Men are “*shapen in iniquity*.” Barking doesn’t make one a dog. Dogs bark, because they are dogs. Fish swim, because they are fish. Men sin, because they are sinners by birth. It is not until that nature is changed that they can “*BE*” righteous. “*If any man be in Christ, he is a NEW CREATURE*.” The transformation is affected by virtue of the presence of the “*Living God!*” It is a three-part transformation of body, soul, and spirit. We are born again of the Spirit as soon as we repent and cry to God for mercy and forgiveness. “*In [Christ] ye also trusted, after that ye heard the Word of Truth, the Gospel of your Salvation: In whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of Promise, which is the earnest (confirmation) of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His Glory*.” Our soul, our desires, thoughts, and emotions, are progressively sanctified or set apart to righteousness through our obedience to God’s Word which changes them. “*Delight thyself also in the LORD; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart. For it is sanctified by the Word of God and prayer*.” The woman with the issue of blood was healed when she but touched the hem of Christ’s garment. “*And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. For she said, ‘If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.’ And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague*.” God’s righteousness is viral! It permeates, saturates, and subjugates all with which it comes in contact. You either go with God or you’ll be destroyed by God! Unyielding sinners are destroyed by their own hand. His Holiness will eradicate the slightest imperfection! Once you realize God wants you to be “*perfect and entire, wanting nothing*,” submitting to His Word becomes natural instinct. Who doesn’t want to be perfect or have everything perfect in their life?

In Christ I am all new again,  
No more imprisoned, chained by sin,  
His love doth give new life to men,  
Who all will come, believe in Him! -CGP

Jesus prayed for us saying, “*Sanctify them through Thy Truth: Thy Word is Truth*.” Every believer’s body will be changed upon Christ’s return. “*For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. We shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see him as He is*.”

*“Wherefore comfort one another with these words.” 1 Thessalonians 4:18 KJV*