

Righteousness & Faith

Righteousness and Faith are two subjects that work hand in hand. Even though we will be studying the topic of Faith more in this study both are very important in how they work together!

Let's go right to our keynote scripture on the topic of Righteousness.

1. 2 Corinthians 5:21 How did we become righteousness?

Answer: He made Him who knew no sin to be _____ on our behalf

2. 2 Corinthians 5:21 Just because Jesus became sin on our behalf, does this mean that we all automatically become righteousness?

Answer: __, that we _____ become the righteousness of God

3. 2 Corinthians 5:21 And so then, who or what is the source of our righteousness?

Answer: That we might become the righteousness of God in _____ (_____)

What exactly is Righteousness? One of the definitions from Noah Webster's 1828 Dictionary is: "Conformity of heart and life to the divine law." Mankind, as we discovered in our study on Salvation, has never been able to keep these divine laws, and therefore the Father sent His Son to sacrifice Himself so that we might become righteous. A simplified definition is, "having right or perfect standing with God."

4. Romans 3:10 Apart from the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross as a provision for us to become righteous, is anyone considered righteous in God's eyes?

Answer: _____

But even though there are none righteous in comparison to God's status of perfection, people in both the Old and New Testaments performed righteous acts or deeds. In this context we are talking about doing something that is just or the ethically and morally right thing to do!

5. Psalm 1:5 What is another name for the people of God as is mentioned here?

Answer: The _____ of the _____

6. Proverbs 14:34 What happens to a nation that applies righteous laws to its government?

Answer: Righteousness _____ a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people

7. Psalm 89:14 What powerful and sobering word does God use to describe righteousness and justice?

Answer: Righteousness and justice are the _____ of Thy throne

8. James 5:8 How much can the effective prayer of a righteous person accomplish?

Answer: The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish _____

So as long as God considers us to be righteous we have the capability to do great things! What an awesome privilege! And since the blood of Jesus has made us righteous we can indeed do great things!

9. James 1:20 Does the anger of man achieve the righteousness of God?

Answer: _____

10. Hebrews 12:11 What kind of fruit is yielded when we allow God to discipline us?

Answer: Afterwards it yields the _____ fruit of _____

11. Ephesians 6:14 What part of the Armor of God is used to apply His righteousness?

Answer: And having put on the _____ of righteousness

The Breastplate covers the area of the heart and other vital organs.

At the beginning of this Study we mentioned that Righteousness and Faith work hand in hand. The heart has an important connection to these two foundations.

12. Romans 10:10 In order to achieve the righteousness of God, what does a person have to do with his heart?

Answer: For with the heart man _____, resulting in righteousness

This leads us into the subject of Faith and how it relates to Righteousness.

We need to address questions of: Who has Faith, What is Faith, and how is Faith developed?

Who has Faith?

13. 2 Thessalonians 3:2 Do all people have faith?

Answer: ____

14. Romans 12:3 Do all Christians have faith?

Answer: ____

We, who are followers of Jesus, have faith because God is inside each of us! This connects us to God so that we can experience God by faith.

What is Faith?

15. Hebrews 11:1 How is faith defined in relation to Hope?

Answer: Now faith is the _____ of things hoped for

16. How is faith defined in relation to the things unseen?

Answer: the _____ of things not seen

By using words such as assurance, substance, conviction and evidence it is clear that faith is even more real than things that we can see!

Faith is a Foundation that Jesus spent a lot of time teaching on also commenting on when He either saw it or saw a lack of it.

17. Hebrews 11:6 Without faith what is it impossible to do?

Answer: And without faith it is impossible to _____ Him

Our natural tendencies are to doubt, complain and fear when we are confronted with challenging circumstances.

18. Mark 11:24 At what time should you believe and ask God if you really want your requests to be granted?

Answer: All things for which for which you pray and ask, believe that you _____ received them, and they shall be granted you

It's not always easy to believe that you have something in your possession when you pray it. We tend to believe that something will happen when we see it.

A perfect example of this is the story of "Doubting Thomas"

19. John 20:24-29 What did Jesus say in verse 29 that showed faith in regards to seeing something before you actually believe it?

Answer: Blessed are they who _____ see, and yet believed

Let's talk about how to develop our faith! There are spiritual exercises that we can do to develop our faith just like you can do physical exercises to strengthen your physical body.

20. Romans 10:17 How does faith "come" to us?

Answer: So faith comes from _____ and hearing by the _____ of Christ (or God)

Jesus had a common saying that referred to hearing spiritually, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear". (Matthew 13:9) But sometimes we just don't seem to have enough faith to believe for things. So let's explore how we can spiritually hear more effectively.

21. Philemon 1:6 (New King James Version) In order to see the sharing of our faith become effective, what should we do in regards to every good thing that is in us?

Answer: _____

In a practical sense, we acknowledge things by talking about them or confirming them with our words. This is why we should memorize God's Word and say it out loud! After all, God created the world with words of faith when he said, "Let there be light, plants, animals, and Mankind"!

22. Matthew 8:6-10 What was Jesus's response to the amount of faith that He saw in the Roman Centurion's declaration?

Answer: I have not found such _____ with anyone in Israel

We can clearly see that the Centurion understood the power of words and how they relate to faith!

The whole Bible is filled with stories of faith, and here are just a few to get you started on your Essay: Mark 11:22-24; Matthew 14: 27-34; Hebrews 11:1-40; Hebrews 6:12

Essay:

Answers:

1. Sin
2. No, might
3. Him (Jesus)
4. No
5. Assembly, righteous
6. Exalts
7. Foundation
8. Much
9. No
10. Peaceful, righteousness
11. Breastplate
12. Believes
13. No
14. Yes
15. Assurance/Substance
16. Conviction/Evidence

17. Please
18. Have
19. Did not
20. Hearing, word
21. Acknowledgment
22. Great faith