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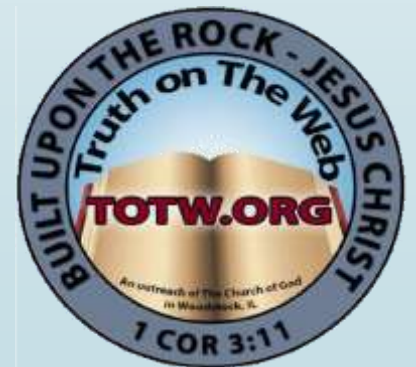
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EPH 6:17 AND TAKE...THE SWORD OF THE
SPIRIT WHICH IS THE WORD OF GOD

A CHURCH OF GOD IN WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS



THE NEED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS



OLD TESTAMENT - RIGHTEOUS

- ➡ Strong's Hebrew Dictionary 6662. צַדִּיק **tsaddiyq** *tsad-deek*' from 6663; **just:—just, lawful, righteous** (man).
- ➡ Strong's Hebrew Dictionary 3477. יָשָׁר **yashar** *yaw-shawr*' from 3474; **straight** (literally or figuratively):—convenient, **equity**, Jasher, **just**, meet(-est), + pleased well **right(-eous)**, straight, (most) **upright**(-ly, -ness).



NEW TESTAMENT - RIGHTEOUS

- Strong's Greek Dictionary 1342. **δικαιος** dikaios *dik'-ah-yos* from 1349; **equitable** (in character or act); by implication, **innocent, holy** (absolutely or relatively) :—**just, meet, right(-eous)**.
- Strong's Greek Dictionary 1344. **δικαιωω** dikaiōo *dik-ah-yo'-o* from 1342; **to render** (i.e. show or regard as) **just or innocent**:—**free, justify(-ier), be righteous**.



➤ **RIGHTEOUS**

THAYER GREEK-ENGLISH LEXICON p148-

δικαιος -righteous, observing divine and human laws; one who is such as he ought to be; ...

... as in a wide sense, **upright, righteous, virtuous, keeping the commands of God; ...**



NONE RIGHTEOUS

► **Psalm 14:1-3** To the chief Musician, A *Psalm* of David.

The fool hath said in his heart, *There is no God.* They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, **there is none that doeth good.** The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were **any** that did understand, *and seek God.* They are **all** gone aside, they are **all together** become filthy: **there is none that doeth good, no, not one.**



NONE RIGHTEOUS

- ➡ Romans 3:10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:
- ➡ Ecclesiastes 7:20 For *there is not* a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.
- ➡ Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;



THE RIGHTEOUS???



- ➡ Yet, Bible speaks of 'the righteous'.
- ➡ **Psalm 14:5** There were they in great fear: for God is in the generation of **the righteous**.
- ➡ **Psalm 32:11** Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, **ye righteous**: and shout for joy, all *ye that are* upright in heart.
- ➡ **Psalm 34:19** Many are the afflictions of **the righteous**: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.
- ➡ **1 Peter 3:12** For the eyes of the Lord are over **the righteous**, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.



RIGHTEOUS

Abel (*Heb 11:4*)

Noah (*Gen 7:1*)

Noah, Daniel, Job (*Ezek 14:14*)

Abraham (*Gal 3:6*)

Lot (*2 Pet 7-8*)

Simeon (*Luke 2:25*)

David (*1Kings 3:6*)

Joseph (*Matt 1:19*)

Cornelius (*Acts 10:22*)

John (*Mark 6:20*)

Zacharias, Elisabeth (*Luke 1:5-6*)

Joseph of Arimathea (*Luke 23:50*)

Paul, Silvanus, Timotheus (*1Thess 2:10*)



GOD JUSTIFIES THOSE WITH FAITH

- ➡ It is God that justifies
 - ➡ Romans 3:26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.
 - ➡ Isaiah 53:11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall **my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.**



➡ GOD JUSTIFIES THOSE WITH FAITH

- ➡ Faith is accounted for righteousness
 - ➡ **Romans 4:5-8** But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, *Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.*



GOD JUSTIFIES THOSE WITH FAITH

➡ **Yield to Righteousness** (be enslaved – Christ's bondservant)

- ➡ **Romans 6:13** Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: **but yield yourselves unto God**, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as **instruments of righteousness unto God**.
- ➡ **Romans 6:17-22** But God be thanked, that ye **were** the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart **that form of doctrine which was delivered you**. Being then made **free from** sin, ye became **the servants of righteousness**. I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now **yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness**. For when ye **were** the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. But now being made **free from sin**, and become **servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness**, and the end everlasting life.¹²



GOD JUSTIFIES THOSE WITH FAITH

- ➡ Righteousness Barely Saved
- ➡ **1 Peter 4:18** And if **the righteous** scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?
- ➡ Practice Righteousness (new normal)
- ➡ **1 John 2:29** If ye know that **he is righteous**, ye know that **every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.**
- ➡ **1 John 3:7** Little children, let no man deceive you: **he that doeth righteousness is righteous,** even as he is righteous

➡ TIME TO “BE RIGHTEOUS” PEOPLE

➡ To Live Honest with Integrity

➡ Proverbs 11:3 The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.

➡ Proverbs 20:7 The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him.

➡ Psalm 25:21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee.



➡ TIME TO “BE RIGHTEOUS” PEOPLE

➡ Are you ready to be judged by your integrity?

➡ Psalm 7:8 The LORD shall judge the people:
judge me, O LORD, according to my
righteousness, and according to mine integrity
that is in me.

➡ Psalm 26:1 *A Psalm of David.* Judge me, O LORD;
for I have **walked in mine integrity**: I have **trusted**
also in the LORD; *therefore I shall not slide.*



➤ TIME TO “BE RIGHTEOUS” PEOPLE

➤ To Lead with Uprightness?

- Proverbs 29:2 **When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice:** but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.
- 1 Timothy 2:1-3 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks, be made for all men; **For kings, and for all that are in authority;** that we may lead **a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.** For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;



TIME TO “BE RIGHTEOUS” PEOPLE

- ➡ To remain righteous when trials come
- ➡ Proverbs 24:16 **For a just *man* falleth seven times, and riseth up again:** but the wicked shall fall into mischief.
- ➡ 1 Peter 1:7 That **the trial of your faith**, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, **might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:**



➤ TIME TO “BE RIGHTEOUS” PEOPLE

➤ To fight and endure righteously

➤ Ephesians 6:10-13 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.



▶ TIME TO “BE RIGHTEOUS” PEOPLE

▶ To fight and endure righteously

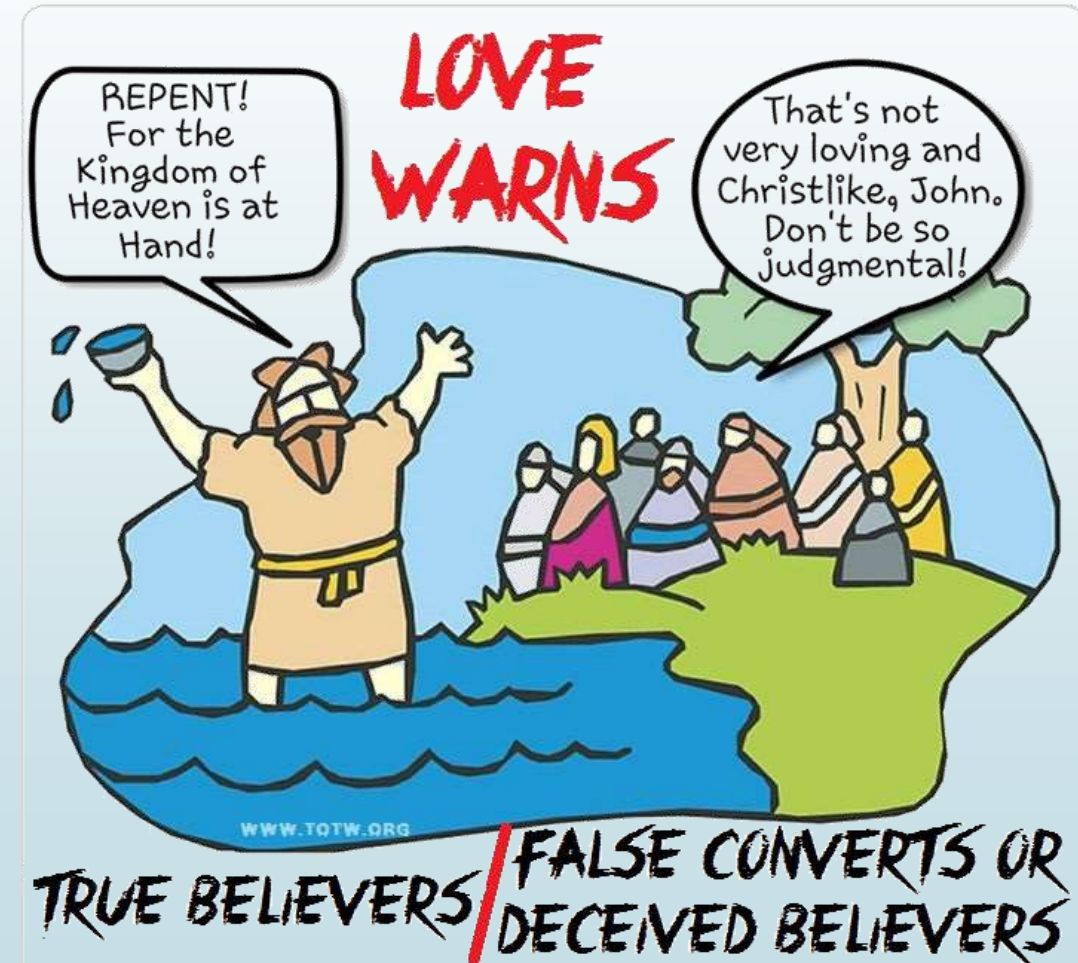
▶ **Galatians 6:7-9** Be not deceived; God is not mocked: **for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.** For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; **but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.** As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all *men*, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.



TIME TO “BE RIGHTEOUS” PEOPLE

➡ To warn the wicked

➡ Ezekiel 33:9 **Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.**



TIME TO “BE RIGHTEOUS” PEOPLE

➡ To warn and oppose sinners and sin

- ➡ Proverbs 29:27 **An unjust man is an abomination to the just:** and *he that is upright in the way is abomination to the wicked.*
- ➡ Proverbs 28:1 The wicked flee when no man pursueth: **but the righteous are bold as a lion.**
- ➡ Psalm 51:12-13 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me *with thy free spirit.* **Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.**



▶ TIME TO “BE RIGHTEOUS” PEOPLE

- ▶ To warn and oppose sinners and sin
- ▶ **Ephesians 5:8-12** For ye were sometimes darkness, but now *are* ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (For the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. **And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove *them*.** For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.



➤ TIME TO “BE RIGHTEOUS” PEOPLE

- To warn the other righteous ones
- Ezekiel 3:21 Nevertheless if thou **warn the righteous man**, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:14 Now we exhort you, brethren, **warn them that are unruly**, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, **be patient** toward all *men*.



▶ TIME TO “BE RIGHTEOUS” PEOPLE

▶ To heed warnings from Heaven

▶ **Acts 20:29-31** For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous **wolves enter in** among you, not sparing the flock. Also **of your own selves shall men arise**, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years **I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.**



▶ TIME TO “BE RIGHTEOUS” PEOPLE

▶ To heed warnings from Heaven

▶ **Colossians 1:27-28** To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; **which is Christ in you**, the hope of glory: Whom we preach, **warning every man**, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:





TIME TO “BE RIGHTEOUS” PEOPLE

- ➡ To be righteous means one prays in faith
- ➡ James 5:16 Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent **prayer of a righteous man** availeth much.
- ➡ Proverbs 15:29 The LORD *is* far from the wicked: **but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.**
- ➡ 1 Peter 3:12 **For the eyes of the Lord *are* over the righteous, and his ears *are* open unto their prayers:** but the face of the Lord *is* against them that do evil.

TIME TO “BE RIGHTEOUS” PEOPLE

- ➡ To pray without ceasing
- ➡ Luke 18:1 And he spake a parable unto them *to this end*, that **men ought always to pray, and not to faint;**
- ➡ 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18 **Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.**
- ➡ Ephesians 6:18 **Praying always** with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for **all** saints;
- ➡ 1 Timothy 2:8 I will therefore that men **pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.**



TIME TO “BE RIGHTEOUS” PEOPLE

➡ To pray believing (faith in Christ)

- ➡ John 9:31 Now we know that God heareth not sinners: **but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.**
- ➡ Philippians 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.
- ➡ Mark 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, **What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.**
- ➡ 1 John 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, **if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:**



TIME TO “BE RIGHTEOUS” PEOPLE

- ➡ **F.R.O.G. Fully Relies on God**
- ➡ Philippians 4:19 But my **God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.**
- ➡ Isaiah 26:3 Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, **whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.**
- ➡ Psalm 118:8-9 **It is better to trust in the LORD** than to put confidence in man. **It is better to trust in the LORD** than to put confidence in princes.
- ➡ Romans 8:28 **And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God,** to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.



TIME TO “BE RIGHTEOUS” PEOPLE

- ➡ **F.R.O.G. Fully Relies on God**
- ➡ Romans 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? **If God be for us, who can be against us?**
- ➡ Proverbs 3:5-7 **Trust in the LORD with all thine heart;** and lean not unto thine own understanding. In **all** thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: **fear the LORD, and depart from evil.**
- ➡ Psalm 37:39-40 But the salvation of **the righteous** is of **the LORD: he is their strength** in the time of trouble. **And the LORD shall help them, and deliver them:** he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, **because they trust in him.**



TIME TO “BE RIGHTEOUS” PEOPLE

- Maintain reverence & fear in worship
- **Hebrews 12:9-10** Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and **we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?** For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; **but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.**
- **Hebrews 12:28-29** Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may **serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire.**



➤ TIME TO “BE RIGHTEOUS” PEOPLE

- Maintain reverence & fear in worship
- Psalm 89:7 God is greatly to be **feared** in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in **reverence** of all *them that are* about him.
- Revelation 1:17 And when I **(John)** saw him, **I fell at his feet as dead.** And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, **Fear not; I am the first and the last:**



➤ TIME TO “BE RIGHTEOUS” PEOPLE

➤ Worship in purity: Spirit & Truth

- **John 4:23-24** But the hour cometh, and now is, when the **true worshippers** shall worship the Father **in spirit and in truth**: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. **God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.**
- **Philippians 3:3** For we are the circumcision, which **worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.**



➤ TIME TO “BE RIGHTEOUS” PEOPLE

➤ To joyfully worship in Spirit & Truth

- **Luke 24:52-53** And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem **with great joy**: And were **continually in the temple, praising and blessing God**. Amen.
- **Proverbs 29:6** In the transgression of an evil man *there is* a snare: **but the righteous doth sing and rejoice.**
- **Ephesians 5:19-21** Speaking to yourselves in **psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord**; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.





TIME TO “BE RIGHTEOUS” PEOPLE

➡ To help those in need

➡ Proverbs 29:7 **The righteous considereth the cause of the poor:** *but the wicked regardeth not to know it.*

➡ Matthew 5:42 **Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.**

➡ Philippians 2:4 Look not every man on his own things, **but every man also on the things of others.**

TIME TO “BE RIGHTEOUS” PEOPLE

- To help others is to serve Christ
- Galatians 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.
- Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.
- Matthew 25:34-36 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.



TIME TO “BE RIGHTEOUS” PEOPLE

➡ Ask, Seek, Knock

- ➡ **Matthew 5:6** Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
- ➡ **Matthew 6:33** But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.
- ➡ **Luke 11:9-10** And I say unto you, **Ask**, and it shall be given you; **seek**, and ye shall find; **knock**, and it shall be opened unto you. **For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.**



TIME TO “BE RIGHTEOUS” PEOPLE

► Be Righteous

- 1 John 3:7-10 Little children, let no man deceive you: **he that doeth righteousness is righteous,** even as he is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might **destroy the works of the devil.** Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: **whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.**



TIME TO “BE RIGHTEOUS” PEOPLE

Be Righteous

- Acts 10:35 But in every nation he that feareth him, **and worketh righteousness**, is accepted with him.
- Romans 3:20-22 Therefore **by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight**: for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin. But now **the righteousness of God without the law is manifested**, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; **Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ** unto all and upon all them that **believe**: for there is no difference:





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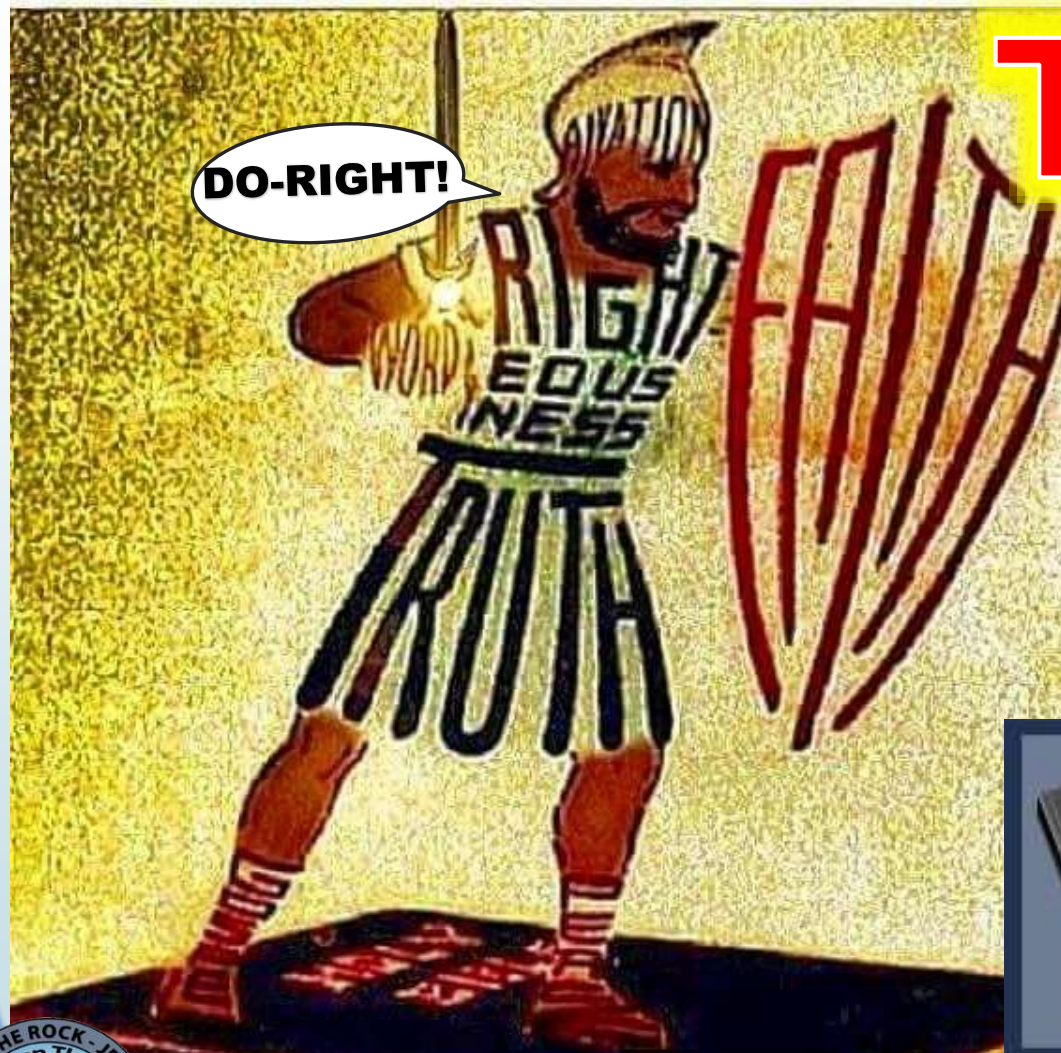
► Do-Righteousness

► **Romans 6:17-18** But God be thanked, that ye **were** the servants of sin, **but ye have obeyed from the heart** that form of doctrine which was delivered you. **Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.**

► **Titus 2:12-13** Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;



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