

Welcome to HOPIC

We are excited to finally be back in the NEWLY RENOVATED KEY MIDDLE SCHOOL, at 6402 Franconia Road, Springfield, Va. Pastor Harlan & Doris Stilwell, Sr., want to invite you and your family to come and join us as we exalt and worship God in His Holy Presence.

Our Vision

Our Goal and desire is the same as that of our Lord Jesus Christ, to fulfill God's end-time calling to enlarge the Kingdom of God, by reaching the multitudes with the gospel of Christ for all levels of our society. We are bringing glory and honor to the Father of our Lord Jesus by teaching and preparing God's people for works of service through the Word and Anointed Worship, through the manifested presence and revelation power of the Holy Spirit.



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*Ministering the truth of God's Word in
the power of the Holy Spirit!*

UNDERSTANDING RIGHTEOUSNESS



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4. Lastly, **Consciousness of Sins**—is what has kept us from entering the presence of Father God. It robs us of our fellowship and communion with the Father. It

- destroys faith
- destroys initiative
- gives inferiority complex
- lose confidence in your own right to pray and get answers. You call for someone else to pray for you.

Heb. 10:1-4—says sacrifices under the law couldn't remove the consciousness of sins because it's not possible for blood of bulls and goats to take away sin. I John 1:9 says if we "confess our sin He is faithful and just to **forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness**."

Religions have tried to do away with it by saying there was no God—No Satan, hence no Sin. The cure is NOT going to church, doing penance, fasting, giving, prayer, good deeds, giving up pleasures, confessing sins or self denial.

GOD DEALT WITH THE SIN PROBLEM

through His son Jesus, who is now our High Priest. He made it possible for man, who was spiritually dead, in union with Satan, to become a new Creation by receiving **His** life and nature. Rom. 5:19. This life and nature of God is righteousness. II Cor. 5:21.

Theology is not even the answer. The answer is God's redemption in Christ. God's nature is then imparted unto us. Hallelujah! - end -

Understanding Righteousness

(addendum)

There is no **theory** about this. We know Romans 3:26 is a divine truth "that He might Himself be righteous and the righteousness of him that hath faith in Jesus." God the Father became our righteousness when He imparted to us His own Nature and Eternal Life, in the New Creation. Jesus became our righteousness the moment we took Him as our Savior and confessed Him as our Lord. In II Cor. 5:21 the Holy Spirit tells us "Him who knew no sin, God made to be sin; that WE might become the RIGHTEOUSNESS of God in Him". Therefore our standing before His throne is a standing sponsored by God Himself and by His Son, brought about in us by the Holy Spirit, through the Word.

WE ARE WHAT HE SAYS WE ARE! Because we are righteous, this means that we can stand in His presence without any sense of guilt, condemnation or inferiority. This means the prayer problem is settled. We know what we are and that **He** made us what we are. "We are **His workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus unto good works". Take advantage of your **STANDING** before the Father and let His will be done on earth, as it is in heaven!



*Jesus Christ
Is Lord!*

What Righteousness is

Are you still unclear on what righteousness is or means to you? If so please remember Jesus said in the Gospel of John that the Holy Spirit, which He is sending to us would teach us all things. The following is a word of knowledge given me by the Holy Spirit of what righteousness is.

Righteousness is knowing:

- Who you are
- Who I am (who God is)
- And knowing that I hear you when you praise My name.

Righteousness has given you a great desire to draw close to me. **When you praise my name**, the spirit which I have given you comes even higher, like a well of water springing up, filling you with joy, with confidence, with assurance, **knowing who you are** and **knowing who I am**.

Righteousness is US being together:

- in fellowship
- in love
- in worship
- in song
- in praise
- in a doctrine
- in a word of knowledge
- in a word of wisdom
- in a gift of tongues
- in an interpretation of tongues

Righteousness is standing with me. Righteousness is being with Me, you and I together AS ONE. The joy you feel is YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS OF Me, IN Me, BY Me, BY the Holy Spirit, through my Son, Jesus Christ.

Righteousness is the smile in the spirit Not because the things around you are so flourishing and have prospered in the way you wanted, **BUT** because you **KNOW**:

- Who you are and
- Who I am and

you know that I have all things. **SO you do not walk by sight**. Righteousness knows you walk **by FAITH** and you HAVE all things by believing.

You know what I am: "I am your God"

You are My righteousness and I love you.



He dwells in our praises

The "JOY" you have is My whole being in you, drawing you nigh unto me. You, Me, **WE ARE ONE**, drawing closer to each other. Know the smile on your face IS the righteousness of the spirit of My Son Jesus IN YOU, uniting us together in one band of Christian love.

"Awake unto Righteousness" I Cor. 15:34.

AWAKE UNTO RIGHTEOUSNESS

"In Righteousness shalt thou be **established**: thou shalt be **far from oppression**; for thou **shalt not fear**; and **from terror**; for it shall not come near thee. Isa. 54:14.

The work (effect) of righteousness shall be **peace**; and **the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever**. Isa. 32:17.

Let your heart **meditate** on the above scriptures. Father God wants you established in the consciousness of the absolute reality of your **being** the righteousness of Him, (Rom. 3:26) in Christ (II Cor. 5:21). You see, through the new birth, (the New

Creation), He imparted His very life and nature unto you. You have the life and nature of God. Jesus said "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." Jn. 6:47. That eternal life is the nature and life of our heavenly Father and you have it now. You have become the righteousness of God through the impartation of God's very nature, through the New Creation.

He is my righteousness. Now, if I sin, I go to I John 1:9 and I am made righteous once again. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He never fails.

Few people are established in that and few appreciate and understand it or have entered into its fullness. **It means you can stand in Fathers presence as Jesus did, without any sense of inferiority or condemnation and you can stand in the presence of Satan and all his works with the same fearless grace of Jesus.** II Cor. 2:14-15.

Jesus had no fear at the tomb of Lazarus (John 11:39-44) and Peters voice in Acts 5:1-11 had no fear when he said they carried out the body of your husband—and now yours. You see, it makes men, masters of life and death.

WHAT CONSTRAINS US FROM USING OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS?

What constrains us from acting upon the Word and taking our place in Christ Jesus; taking full advantage of our Righteousness in Him? We know that we are the righteousness of God in Christ. We know that God is the strength of our lives. We know that we have His ability. We know He is our sufficiency for every crises. We know His word on our lips heals, strengthens and saves. WHY then are we so slow to act?

1. An un-renewed mind (Rom. 12:1-2). You see the un-renewed mind holds the spirit in a state of uselessness. It is only renewed by our acting on the word AND developing an intimate acquaintance with the master through His word. When the word is ignored, fleshly reasoning takes over.
2. Senses then rule your Spirit—Fear and unbelief

take over. A lack of spiritual initiative yields you useless. This is caused by a **low type of fellowship, no appetite for the word**. You read about the Bible, but don't feast on IT.

3. There is no sense of appreciation of the Lordship of the Word, its authority in our lips or our ability through the word to stir others to action. Whenever the Lordship of the Word is **lacking**, you will never be able to use it, although you KNOW who you are in Christ.

This comes from a low type of **fellowship**, walking out of **Love**, and the lack of a fearless **confession of what you are in Christ**.

Prov. 10:11 says the mouth of the righteous is a well of life.

There is a sense of feebleness of spirit, a vacillating faith, and a yielding to circumstances.

You are in bondage to **your 5 senses**. You are NOT practicing the word of righteousness. You begin to act like the common man. Jealousies move you; you seek someone else to pray for you and ignore the use of the name of Jesus. You have everything, yet you live in spiritual poverty. **WHY?** Because of not taking your place in Christ and on Gods word. - over -

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