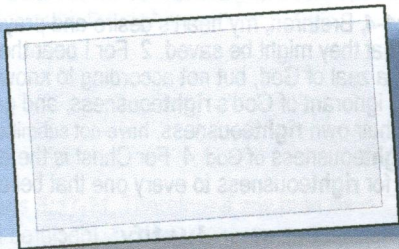


Can You Read This **Right**?

If you wanted to... Do you know what you must have to be **right** with God? **A hint:** it is not found on Earth; it can't be bought, earned or even seen. Some will tell you that you must live **right**, do **right** and act **right**. Well, the word "**right**" is **right**, but it is used wrong! The **rightness** needed is not human **rightness**. The only kind of **rightness** that is **right** is "**righteousness**". This kind of **right** is not on this Earth. In fact, if I wanted to show you a picture of "**Righteousness**", it would look like this...



That's **right**, there is no way to take a picture of something that can't be seen. It is not tangible, nor is it natural. In fact, there is only one place where **righteousness** can be found, only one place where **righteousness** can be obtained. Only one person has it, and He will give it away. Fact is, there is no Heaven without it. So, the greater question is, "**What is righteousness?**"

Righteousness, and How I Obtained It

Matthew 5:6, Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Hebrews 11:7, ...righteousness which is by faith.

(Applied Definition) **Righteous:** [holiness]

God is Right and God's Word is Right about how to make us Right before God.

Rom. 10:1-4, Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. 2 For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. 3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. 4 For Christ is the end [fulfillment] of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

(Applied Definition) **Justify:** [declared holy]

Just-as-if-I had never sinned.

Romans 4:1-13, What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found? 2 For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath *whereof* to glory; but not before God. 3 For what saith the Scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. 4 Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.

5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for **righteousness**.
6 Even as **David** also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth [His] **righteousness** without works,
7 *Saying*, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. 8 *Blessed is* the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin. 9 *Cometh* this blessedness then upon the [Jews] *only*, or upon the [non Jews] also? for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for **righteousness**. 10 How was it then reckoned?... 13 For the promise, [was not] through the law, but through the **righteousness** of faith.

(Applied Definition) **Impute:**

Put to my personal account

(account: the record that God keeps on every person to whom He gives breath).

II Corinthians 5:17-21, Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he* is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 18 And all things *are* of God, who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ... 19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself... 20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. 21 For He hath made Him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the **righteousness** of God in Him.