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DIGGING DEEP: Tuesday, June 9, 2026

TOPIC: THE FOUNDATION OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Text: Psalm 1:1-3

"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly... but his delight is in the law of the Lord... and he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water".

Introduction

In the Bible, righteousness is the state of being morally right, just, and in right standing with God and also with man. The righteous person enjoys God's favour, guidance, and fruitfulness. However, true righteousness is not achieved through human effort but is established by God through faith and demonstrated in a transformed life Philippians 3: 9. Understanding the foundation of righteousness helps believers walk in obedience and enjoy sound fellowship with God.

Outline 1: The Source of Our Righteousness

Righteousness originates from God and is received through faith His finished work on the cross, not by works. Romans 1: 17

- i. Abraham was declared righteous because he believed God. Genesis 15: 6. James 2: 23
- ii. Paul confirms that righteousness is credited through faith. Romans. 4: 3, 5
- iii. Christ became sin for us so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him 2 Corinthians 5:21; Isaiah 45: 24

Outline 2: Inward Change Produces Righteous Living

God transforms us from the inside out. Genuine righteousness begins with an inward transformation by the Holy Spirit, which then produces godly character and conduct.

- i. He promises to give us a new heart and a new spirit which will enable us obey Him. Ezekiel 3: 26 - 27.
- ii. Genuine righteousness begins with a transformed heart. Psalm 51:10; Luke 6: 45
- iii. Believers are transformed through the renewing of their minds Romans.12: 2
- iv. The Holy Spirit empowers believers to live holy lives. Galatians 5:16; Romans 8:13
- v. Right living is the fruit of inward transformation, not external pressure Proverbs 4: 23; Romans 12: 2

Outline 3: Living in Peace with God Is the Fruit of Justification

Justification brings believers into a right relationship with God. The evidence of being justified is a life marked by peace with God, holiness, and a growing desire to please Him. Isaiah 32:17

- i. Justification brings believers into a right relationship with God. Romans 3: 22
- ii. Through faith in Christ, we have peace with God and access to His grace Romans 5:1 - 2.
- iii. God's grace teaches us to reject ungodliness and live upright, godly lives while awaiting Christ's return Titus 2: 11 - 14.

Discussion Question:

What is the difference between self-righteousness and God's righteousness?