

# Righteous & Holy

## Lesson 6 – Outline

1. Your born-again spirit—the new man—was created after God in righteousness and true holiness.

**“But ye have not so learned Christ; If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness” (Eph. 4:20-24).**

- A. Recognize and acknowledge your true self in God’s mirror.
  - B. The degree of holiness you live outwardly may vary, but the nature of your born-again spirit is righteousness and true holiness.
2. You must worship God in spirit and truth.

**“God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24).**

- A. You cannot approach God unless you come to Him through the righteousness and true holiness of who you are in the spirit.
  - B. No matter how hard you try, you’ll never measure up to God’s perfection through your own efforts in the physical, emotional, and mental realms.
3. Jesus Himself literally became your righteousness.

**“But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption” (1 Cor. 1:30).**

- A. Now that you’re born again, one-third of your being is completely righteous.
  - B. Unlike your spirit, your body and soul are in process.
4. God can only accept you based on who you are in your born-again spirit.
- A. Anyone who hasn’t received the Lord but tries to approach Him based on who they are in their actions and thoughts will always fall short of His glory (Rom. 3:23).
  - B. People’s performance simply cannot accomplish what only the new birth can—change their spiritual natures.

5. Fix your gaze on God's mirror.

A. God's mirror reflects you as righteous, holy, and pure.

B. As who you are in Christ grows stronger in your heart, carnal "reality" must give way to spiritual reality.

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## Lesson 6 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to Ephesians 4:20-24, what are we to put off?
2. What are we to put on?
3. How does verse 23 tell us to do this?
4. According to John 4:24, God is a \_\_\_\_\_.
5. As believers, what part of us is like God?
6. How, then, must we approach Him?
7. Isaiah 64:6 says that we are all as an \_\_\_\_\_ thing, and all our \_\_\_\_\_ are as filthy rags.
8. Is this speaking of an unbeliever or a believer?
9. When a New Testament believer confesses, “All of my righteousness is as filthy rags,” they are:
  - A. Talking about their own self-righteousness, which they aren’t supposed to approach God with anyway.
  - B. Totally ignorant of the truth that they’ve been made righteous in their spirit with Christ’s righteousness.
  - C. Insulting God and His Word.
  - D. All of the above.
  - E. None of the above.
10. What does Romans 3:23 say about approaching God based on who we are in our actions and thoughts?
11. According to Galatians 4:6, who has God sent forth into the hearts of His children?
12. From their hearts, what does He cry?
13. According to Romans 8:9, who does the Spirit of God dwell in?
14. Those who have not the Spirit of Christ are \_\_\_\_\_.