

MAINTAINING RIGHTEOUSNESS. Dr. David R. Landis 3//11/18-013

Text: Romans 5:17 **AMPLIFIED** *“Those who receive God’s overflowing grace and the free gift of righteousness reign as kings in life”*

- Review:
1. We should be reigning over life not life reigning over us.
 2. We have been made the righteousness of God. A new species. Not just put on our account like God did for the Old Testament saints.
 3. I Corinthians 15:34 We must have this knowledge to overcome sin.
- I. John 16:7 Jesus promises the Holy Spirit to come and make us new creations and to enjoy a *“well- balanced, well proportioned, agreeable relationship”* that Jesus has with the Father.
- A. John 17:9 *“be as one, as we are”* Jesus prayed for this kind of unity.
1. There will be no oneness amongst believers until we get our oneness with the Father established.
 2. Sanctify them through the truth.
 3. *“that the world may believe that thou hast sent me”*
 4. *“and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me”*
- B. Ephesians 2:13-19 *“For he is our peace...”*
1. Through Jesus both the Jew and Gentile have access to the Father.
 2. I do not want anything to disrupt my relationship to become unbalanced. I watch what I do, what I say, how I love, how I respond (I Corinthians 15:34).
 - a. I John 1:9 We must confess or agree that we missed the mark.
 - b. The mark of the high calling that is in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:14).
 - c. We categorize sins as some are worse than others. Some have greater consequences.
 3. God’s correction results in the peaceable fruits of righteousness.
- C. Sin disrupts our fellowship not our relationship. The prodigal son was still a son but his fellowship was cut off.
1. Hebrews 6:5 *“tasted of the powers of the age to come”*
- II. John 16:33 We have a peace (rest and contentment) that the world cannot give.
- A. There is no need to fear or to be afraid.
1. Romans 8:35-37 We are more than conquerors.

- B. Psalm 37:25 David said he had not seen the righteous forsaken.
- C. We like to quote I John 4:4. “***Greater is He that is in us...***”
 - 1. No weapon formed against us shall prosper.
 - 2. No plague shall come nigh your dwelling. Conditional upon one sitting under the shadow of the Almighty.
- D. Philippians 4:6-7 Do not worry about anything.
 - 1. “***and God’s peace (be yours, that tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and content with its earthly lot of whatsoever sort that is, that peace) which transcends all understanding, shall garrison and mount guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus***” **AMPLIFIED**
 - 2. Fight the good fight of faith? Hold fast your confession and cast down imaginations.
 - a. Philippians 4:8,9 A list to think on.
 - b. Isaiah 32:17 “***quietness and assurance for ever***”
- E. Ephesians 6:10-16 We have to make our stand against “***the unseen power that controls this dark world, and spiritual agents from the very headquarters of evil***” Phillips

