

LETTER TO LEADERS

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Righteousness is a gift.

Paul writes in Ro 5:17: “For if by one man’s offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive the abundance of grace and of the **gift of righteousness** shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.”

Just as salvation is a **gift**, and the Holy Spirit is a **gift**, so **righteousness is a gift**.

What is righteousness?

The Old Covenant defines righteousness the product of obedience to the law.

The new and better covenant defines righteousness as a **gift** that comes to us when we except Jesus as the Lord of our life.

Righteousness is “right standing” with God through faith in Jesus Christ that comes to us by the Holy Ghost. It is the right to go into God’s presence at any time, independent of our mistakes.

We are in “right standing” with God because our spirit man has been transformed. We are spiritually born (again) into the spiritual image of God himself, righteousness. It is a **gift** from God to those who believe in Jesus Christ.

In Ro 8:10 Paul writes: “And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.” Through this pipeline of righteousness **gift**, the life of God can continually flow into us.

From this life of God, all the promises of God can be manifested to us as a **gift**.

God is pleased as we maintain a thankful heart for this wonderful **gift** of righteousness.

Be thankful always!

In His Love,

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