



Kingdom  
people

... A RIGHTEOUS PEOPLE

**MATTHEW 5:17-20**

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# **Righteousness**

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Don't misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to accomplish their purpose. <sup>18</sup> I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not even the smallest detail of God's law will disappear until its purpose is achieved. <sup>19</sup> So if you ignore the least commandment and teach

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others to do the same, you will be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven. But anyone who obeys God's laws and teaches them will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.

<sup>20</sup> "But I warn you—unless your righteousness is better than the righteousness of the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven!

- Matt. 5:17-20

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“You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

– Matthew 22:37-40

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# **To Be a Kingdom Person... A Person of Righteousness:**

- **We must be a  
people of action**
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James 1:22... “But don’t just listen to God’s word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.”

1 John 3:18... “Dear children, let’s not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.”

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“And we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures. We should live in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to God, while we look forward with hope to that wonderful day when the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be revealed. He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds.” (Titus 2:12-14)

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# **To Be a Kingdom Person... A Person of Righteousness:**

- **We must be a people of the Spirit**
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“Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. May your gracious Spirit lead me forward on a firm footing.”

– Psalm 143:10

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“Through love, the Holy Spirit orients the whole life of Jesus toward the Father in the fulfillment of his will. The Father sends his Son (Gal 4:4) when Mary conceives him through the operation of the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:35). The Holy Spirit makes Jesus manifest as Son of the Father by resting upon him at baptism (Luke 3:21-22; John 1:33). He drives Jesus

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into the wilderness (see Mark 1:12). Jesus returns “full of the Holy Spirit” (Luke 4:1). Then he begins his ministry “in the power of the Spirit” (Luke 4:14). He is filled with joy in the Spirit, blessing the Father for his gracious will (Luke 10:21). He chooses his apostles “through the Holy Spirit” (Acts 1:2). He casts out demons by the Spirit of God (Matthew 12:28). He offers himself to

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the Father “through the eternal Spirit” (Heb 9:14).... “In the Spirit” he descended to the dead (1Peter 3:19), and by the Spirit he was raised from the dead (Romans 8:11).”

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Romans 8:11-14... “The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you. <sup>12</sup> Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do. <sup>13</sup> For if you live by its dictates, you will die. But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.”



Romans 6:13-14... “Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God. Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God’s grace.”

**Are you living in the reality  
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