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Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, our soon coming King!

I want to talk to you about righteousness. It is important to know what God says about it. Righteousness means having right standing with God. Man seems to think he has to work by his self-effort to achieve right standing with God. In other words man seeks his own ways or means of attaining it. This gives the person the false sense that he can work out his salvation or righteousness without needing God to assist him. This is religion!!! It puts people in bondage to perform and achieve God's righteousness without God (Romans 10:1-3)

As Paul says, a person would think he deserves righteousness because of what he did rather than what God has done for him in Jesus Christ. He said, "If Abraham, by what he did for God, got God to approve him, he could certainly have taken credit for it. But the story we're given is a God-story, not an Abraham-story. What we read in Scripture is, "Abraham entered into what God was doing for him, and that was the turning point. He trusted God to set him right instead of trying to be right on his own." (Romans 4:2-3, MSG)

Paul is arguing in that text that man cannot set himself right with God on his own. Instead, man needs God to do it for him as a gift, like Abraham. Paul continued in his illustration of righteousness that, "If you're a hard worker and do a good job, you deserve your pay; we don't call your wages a gift. But if you see that the job is too big for you, that it's something only God can do, and you trust him to do it—you could never do it for yourself no matter how hard and long

4100 Clarksville Pike <u>Website:</u> wlcci.org Nashville, Tennessee 37218 Email: Worship@wlcci.org Phone 615.876.3086 Fax 615.432.2742 you worked—well, that trusting-him-to-do-it is what gets you set right with God, by God. Sheer gift" (Romans 4:4 MSG).

In a nutshell, a man cannot attain righteousness without God. For God's method of attaining righteousness is based solely on what you do with Jesus Christ.

Just as Adam's sin affects all who are part of the human race, so Christ's righteousness is for all who are a part of His spiritual race (1stCorinthians 14:45-47). Therefore, imputed Christ's righteousness is the only remedy for imputed Adam's sin.

So, whereas Adam's transgression brought in a reign of death (Romans 3:23) Christ's righteousness brought in a reign of life (Romans 5:17).

When you receive Christ as your Lord and Savior, then God declares you righteous because of your belief in Christ Jesus (Romans 10:9-10). In other words, Adam's sin brought judgement and condemnation whereas Christ Jesus' obedience brought justification and righteousness to all those who will believe in His finished work on the Cross. If you have never asked Jesus to come into your life to save you, **Do It Now For He Is Coming Again, Soon!!!** I pray that you do it quickly in Jesus Name (Romans 10:9-10).

Pastor Clarissa and I love you dearly and we pray for you daily. Remember that Jesus is Lord, With All Your Getting, Get Understanding . . . for the Word of Life Changes Lives, and above all, <u>LOVE NEVER FAILS</u>!

In the Anointed One and His Anointing,

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