

# SHELTER IN GRACE



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Part 3: Refuge in Righteousness

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## Introduction:

Righteousness = Goodness that is \_\_\_\_\_ enough for God

The story of the Law...

Romans 1:17; Romans 3:22-23

## Finding Refuge in Righteousness means...

1. On your worst day, in your darkest hour, you are now \_\_\_\_\_ enough for God.
2. On your best day, in your brightest hour, you cannot look \_\_\_\_\_ upon others.
3. Every day, in every hour, you are \_\_\_\_\_ by faith.

## Big Ideas and Takeaways:

- At the moment you trust Christ, you are as \_\_\_\_\_ as you'll ever be
- Discipleship is about growing in \_\_\_\_\_, not righteousness
- Discipleship is the process of \_\_\_\_\_ what you truly already are in Christ

Romans 12:2 – Metamorphosis

The gift of forgiveness \_\_\_\_\_ our sinful track-record, while the gift of righteousness \_\_\_\_\_ our sinful nature.

Those who have trusted Christ...

- Are the new creation at the core (2 Cor. 5:17)
- Already have everything needed for life and godliness (2 Pet. 1:3)
- Have become partakers of the divine nature (2 Pet. 1:4)
- Are more than conquerors in Christ Jesus (Rom. 8:37)

## QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS OR PERSONAL REFLECTION:

### Personal Life:

1. What are the differences between the big “gifts” you’ve received in your life and the big “rewards” you’ve earned? You can be thankful for both, but what are the basic differences and how do they impact your life?

### Ponderings:

2. Does it surprise you to discover that your righteousness (goodness) is a gift from God in Christ rather than something you must earn or prove?
3. When you think about yourself or look in the mirror, do you think about or see someone who is as righteous as Jesus Christ Himself? Why or why not? Why does believing you are righteous mean so much in the way you live daily?
4. In the message, our first major discovery was that “On your worst day, in your darkest hour, you are good enough for God.” How does this reality impact the way you see the world around you? Discuss...
5. Our second major discovery was that “On your best day, in your brightest hour, you cannot look down upon others.” What impact does the gift of righteousness have upon our tendency to be self-righteous or judgmental? Discuss...
6. Our third major discovery was that when you’re finding refuge in the gift of righteousness, it means that “Every day, in every hour, you are walking by faith.” Why is trusting in the reality of your righteousness sometimes so challenging? Why is it so critical to bearing the fruit of the Spirit? Discuss...

### Promptings:

7. Romans 12:2 says, “Do not conform to the pattern of this world (self-righteousness, self-improvement, self-salvation, self-worthiness, etc.), but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” Based on this reality, would you say that you tend to live more as a conformed person, or a transformed person? How does believing in the free gift of your instantaneous inward transformation motivate and empower you to live an outwardly transformed life? Discuss...