

## The Three Eternal Destinies #188 Our Own Righteousness

If, upon hearing of the Three Eternal Destinies of Man, a person claims to be *Righteous*, we should respond this way: "Well, you may be righteous, but your righteousness is like filthy rags as far as gaining a place among the Holy is concerned." We don't need to try to convince him that he is really among the Filthy and Unjust. We can say, "That's wonderful that you're righteous, but once you hear the gospel, if you don't believe it and obey it, then you're judged already. You've lost your righteousness. Then you're included among the 'cowardly and unbelieving' of Rev 21:8, right along with the 'abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars' whose eternal destiny is the Lake of Fire."

If a person is really righteous, he will listen. Isa 64:6 doesn't mean that everyone is depraved. Man's own righteousness is worthless in regards to gaining the salvation that our Master Yahshua obtained for us.

Actually, for the Holy, our own righteousness must surpass that of the *good* Pharisees. He wasn't talking about the *bad* Pharisees. This is only possible by having His righteousness.

2 Sam 22:20-25 — "He rescued me because He delighted in me..." That makes me want to be delightful to Him. "Yahweh has rewarded me according to *my* righteousness..." The relationship that David had with our Father put a good righteousness in him. Our righteousness can become "good" or "blameless" like Abraham's because of our relationship with Him. Our righteousness must go beyond that of the best Pharisee.

Hasn't your own righteousness increased since you've known our Master? Of course it has! Because of His righteousness, our righteousness increases as we walk blameless like it says of Abraham in Gen 17:1. Then he was circumcised, as an outward sign of already having cut off the flesh. Circumcision (for those of us who are saved out of the world) comes *after* one is saved — how many years after is not definite — it's according to when one is walking blameless, having learned to judge himself. Abraham wasn't circumcised until 25 years after he was justified. Paul talks about that in Rom 4:9-12. We follow in the steps of Abraham.

We're not circumcised according to the Law. We're not a Galatian heresy ( Gal 6:13; Acts 15:1). Gal 3:10 — Whoever tries to obey the Law in order to be saved is cursed. That's why the Jews are cursed, and even Christians are cursed and don't even know it because they won't ever admit that they're under the law (that's all they can be under because they're not under grace).

So we must have wisdom to know how to answer people, because Christianity has defiled the whole world and people are confused about the value of a person's own righteousness.