

Step 2 - Victorious Christian Living.

You must put on: **His Righteousness**

Romans 10:9-10 – (9)That if thou confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in thine heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. (10) For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Romans 10:10 - For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness;

In order to truly live the “Victorious Christian Life” it is important for you to do what is stated in Romans 10:10 and believe with all your heart that you are “Righteous”. You have to settle that “Sin” issue for once and for all. As long as you battle with “Sin” and “Your Worthiness” based on your actions you will never be able to go to God, your father, in confidence. By “Faith” through “Grace” you have to accept that you were made the “Righteousness of Christ”. Let's look at a couple of scriptures in Roman's 5:

Romans 5:18-21 – (18) Therefore as for the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came* upon all men unto justification of life. (19) For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the one shall many be made righteous. (20) Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: (21) That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

So lets break this scripture out and see what it is saying:

Romans 5:18 - Therefore as for the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came* upon all men unto justification of life.

The scripture starts out:

Therefore as for the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation;”

This is referring to Adam's original act of “Disobedience” when he ate of the tree that God commanded him not to eat. Basically Adam, when he was to disobey God sentenced the world to be condemned and separated from God.

Then it goes on to say:

“even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.”

This is referring to Jesus Christ's act of “Obedience” when he went to the cross for us. Basically Jesus, when he went to cross in obedience to God “Redeemed” the world of condemnation and made it possible for us to be “Reunited” to God our Father. Of course the first step of accomplishing being reunited with God is called being “Saved” and is outlined in Romans 10:9. The second step in being united with God is accepting you are “The Righteousness of Christ”.

How do I accept that I am the “Righteousness of Christ”?

Notice that in this scripture that it says: what the “*the free gift came*” upon all men unto justification of life.”. Like being “Saved”, your “Righteousness” is a “free gift” that Jesus Christ made available to you when he went to the cross, defeated Satan, and rose again on the Third Day. Like you did to be “Saved” in order to “Receive the Free Gift of Righteousness” you have to “Confess it with your mouth” and “Believe it in your heart”. This was not simple for me to accept so I spent years saying to myself and others “I am the Righteousness of Christ”. Every time Satan would but a thought in my mind because of something I did that I was not the “Righteousness of Christ” I would yell out loud: “I am the ***Righteousness of Christ*** its not based on anything I did or did not do it's based on what Jesus Christ did on the cross for me and I receive the Free Gift of Righteousness. The results today is that I believe with all my heart “I am the Righteousness of Christ” and I am to walk hand and hand with God, my father, with no “Condemnation”. Praise be to God.

So let's continue to look at the scripture:

Romans 5:19 - For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the one shall many be made righteous.

Here I want to focus on the term “***Made Righteous***”. Please take a moment and really meditate on these words “Made Righteous”. You, when you reached Jesus Christ as your Lord and savior were “Made Righteous”. It's part of the completed work of Christ that was accomplished over 2000 years ago when Jesus went to the Cross. It's a “Free Gift” that Jesus purchased for you and just like being “Saved” all you have to do is reach out with your heart, believe it, receive it and it is yours. Stop trying to earn something that is already yours. Stop trying to be something you already are.

It was really hard for me to accept because of my past and because of my actions and the attacks of Satan. I actually would argue with God not me Lord, have you not seen what I did, then God said to me if “Paul” with all he did was the “Righteousness of Christ” then you must be also. God went on to explain that he needed me to accept that I am the “Righteousness of Christ” in order for me to accomplish what he needed me to accomplish for him. Like I said above this battle went on for some time but today I believe with all my heart that I am the “Righteousness of Christ” and I will never be separated from God. The minute I finally accepted that I am the “Righteousness of Christ” I felt God's Love, Grace, Mercy and Forgiveness pour into my Life.

Take a moment now and say “I am the Righteousness of Christ”. Bet something came into your mind basically saying “No Your Not” - My advise say “Get behind me Satan” “I am the Righteousness of Christ – It's a free gift and I receive it now”. Say it over and over again until you believe it with all your heart. There is freedom in accepting you are the “Righteousness of Christ”.

Romans 5:20 - Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:

There is so much in the scripture that I will not be able to cover it all. Let's start focusing on the “Law” will be course “offence” to abound. Another words if you try to live up to the letter of the Law you

will always fall short and fall into offence. In the actions of others you will find fall into “offence” and in your own actions you will find “offence”. That's the way I used to be, nothing I did was ever good enough in my eyes and at that time I was surrounded by people that put me under the law so I was always in offence. Now if I read this right God is saying “offence” is “sin” which is an interesting thought. I am not going to focus on that – just something to think about.

Let's look at the victory. The scripture goes on to say “But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound”. What this means to me is no matter how many times I sin or take offence that there is more than enough “Grace” to cover it. If I sin twice God has poured out enough Grace to cover 3 sins. If I sin 5 times God has poured out enough Grace to cover 6 sins. That right there should make you want to shout “Praise be to God”!!!! Just always remember that – If Satan tries to condemn you of 3 things you did just turn to him and say “God's Grace has already covered that and More”. If you walk free of Satan's condemnation then you walk free to receive and give the Love of God.

Romans 5:21 – That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

This scripture is a before and after look at your life. Before you accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior “Sin” hath reigned in your life which leads to “death”. After you accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior “Grace” is supposed to reign in your life. Please note what this scripture actually says is “**Grace reign through Righteousness**”. This is saying to me “Grace” that you need to region in this life is only found when you accept that you are the “Righteousness of Christ”. That is why you have to accept the free Gift that you are the Righteousness of Christ in order to live the “Victorious Christian Life”.

Let's read the last part of the scripture one more time:

“even so might **grace reign through righteousness** unto even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord. ”

Grace will Reign in you life - flow into and out of your spirit - “**through righteousness**” - to the degree you are willing to accept you are the “**Righteousness of Christ**”.

Out of Righteousness, Grace flows, which makes available unto you the eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

Little Righteousness, little Grace, little eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

Great Righteousness, Great Grace, Great eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

The steps to a “Victorious Christian Life” so far are:

Accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.

Accept the the free gift of Righteousness that Jesus Christ provided for you when he went to the cross.