

The RIGHTEOUS-ONE

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"My little children, these things write I unto you, that you may not sin. And if any man sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ **the Righteous-One**. And He is the Propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." (1John 2:1-2)

Righteous: from the Greek word dikaion which means: the-righteous-one, the-just-one, the-correct-one; by implication the-innocent-one. From dikalos which means: just, and righteous, especially, just and righteous in the eyes of God. The root word is dike which means: "right, by judicial approval and verdict" – properly, "approved by God" - "just in the eyes of God". (similar to dikaosune (also from dike); which means: justice, righteousness; a righteousness of which God is the source or author, referring to what is considered right by the Lord, after His examination; and thus being approved in His eyes.)

In context, our Lord Jesus is the Righteous-One, and the Just-One. He is the sinless, completely innocent-one who alone could be the Propitiation for our sins! By His sinless Righteous life, only Jesus satisfied the Father's 'standard' of approval, for the purpose of being the perfect Lamb of God able to give up His life for the forgiveness of the sins of all the people of the whole world; that is all people who choose to place their faith in the redemptive work that Jesus achieved for us by dying on the Cross for us!

Consider these words of truth:

"But now the Righteousness of God, apart from the law, has been manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; even the Righteousness of God which is through faith in Jesus Christ unto all and upon all those who believe: for there is no difference; for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus; whom God has set forth to be a Propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His (Jesus) **Righteousness** for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; to declare, I say, at this time His (Jesus) **Righteousness**; so that He might be the **Righteous-One**, and the justifier of those who believe in Jesus. (Romans 3:21-26)

Consider also these Messianic prophecies:

"Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him (the promised Messiah Jesus); He (the Father) has put Him (His Son Jesus) to grief; when You (the Father) shall make His soul (His Son Jesus) an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. He (Jesus) shall see of the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied. By His knowledge **My Righteous Servant shall justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities**. Therefore will I share-with Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong; **because He (Jesus) has poured out His soul unto death**; and He was numbered with the transgressors; and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors." (Isaiah 53:10-12)

"Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, and against the Man who is My Associate, says the LORD of Hosts, strike the Shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered; and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones. And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, says the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on My name, and I will hear them: I will say, **'They iare My people': and they shall say, 'The LORD is our God.'**" (Zec. 13:7)

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We are that **Third**, brought through by faith in Jesus, the Father's Righteous-One, the Father's Righteous Servant; the Father's Shepherd over our souls; the Father's Holy One, the Father's promised Savior Messiah; the Father's intimate Associate and Companion within the eternal plan to save us from our transgressions!

Within these various situations, Jesus is called by the Messianic title the **Righteous-One**:

From Acts 3:12-14-15, after when Peter healed a lame man in the Temple, and the people were in amazement:

“And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, 'You men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why do you look so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we have made this man to walk? The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His Son Jesus; whom you delivered up, and denied Him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go. But you denied the **Holy-One** and the **Righteous-One**, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; And killed the Prince of Life, whom God has raised from the dead;”

From Acts 7:51-53, the concluding statement of Stephen's defense before the Sanhedrin counsel:

“You stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, you are always resisting the Holy Spirit: just as your fathers did, so are you doing. Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have killed those who spoke beforehand of the coming of **the Righteous-One**; of whom you have been now the betrayers and murderers. You have received the law as ordained of angels, and have not kept it.”

From Acts 22:12-14-15, when Paul (Saul) was mobbed in the Temple, and shared his conversion testimony before the people:

“...And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good report amongst all the Jews who lived there, came unto me, and stood, and said unto me, Brother Saul, receive your sight. And at that same hour I looked up upon him. And he said, 'The God of our fathers has chosen you, so that you should know His will, and see that **Righteous-One** (Jesus), and should hear the voice from His mouth. For you shalt be His witness unto all men of what you have seen and heard.”

In whom shall we relate to:

To those who denied the the Father's Righteous-One, and had Him murdered?

Or to Paul, the peseutor of the the Church, who repented of his sinfulness, and surrendered his life to the lordship of Jesus the Righteous-One?

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Thank You Jesus – ny King, and my Lord, and my God!

Grace, an Redemption are through You, and You alone!

All Paise, and Glory to You forever and ever!