

# Righteousness

## Grace defined

Luke 6

**Love Your Enemies** (Matt. 5:38- 48; 7:12)

27 But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you,

28 Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.

29 And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer also the other; and -- him that taketh away thy cloak forbid not to take thy coat also.

30 -- Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again.

31 And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

32 For if ye love them which love you, what **thank (q5485-grace)** have ye? for sinners also love those that love them.

33 And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what **thank (q5485-grace)** have ye? for sinners also do even the same.

34 And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what **thank (q5485-grace)** have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again.

35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

Romans 5

20 Moreover the law entered, that the **offense (q3900-fault)** might abound. But where (the) sin abounded, **grace (q5485-grace)** did **much more abound (q5284-super abound):**

21 That as (the) sin hath reigned unto (the) death, even **so (q3779-in this manner)** might **grace (q5485-grace)** reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

The sin nature is better understood by looking at Romans 3:

10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

11 There is none that **understandeth (q4920-to consider)**, there is none that seeketh after God (or seeks after God's understanding).

The sin nature is based on the fact we do not know God. Above, in Romans 5:20, faults and the sin nature *both* abound. Our faults, revealed through the law, is the inability to love one another. We do not naturally possess God's understanding/ability to love.

*Romans 3*

21 But now the righteousness of God **without** the law is **manifested (q5319-made apparent)**, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;

22 Even the righteousness of God which is by **faith of Jesus Christ** unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

24 **Being justified freely by his grace (q5485-grace) through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:**

25 Whom God hath **set forth (q4388-purposed)** to be a **propitiation (q2435-an act of mercy)** through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the **remission (q3929-passing over)** of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him [which believeth in Jesus] **that is of the faith of Jesus.**

*Romans 6**Dead to Sin*

1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in (the) sin, that **grace (q5485-grace)** may abound?

2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to (the) sin, live any longer therein?

3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

*If we have been immersed into the death of Christ then we see and know the love of God. Hence, the sin nature is dead.*

4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.