

Righteousness In Christ by the Holy Spirit

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Scripture: Romans 14:17, Ezekiel 36:26, Matthew 23:25, Galatians 5:22

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Transcript

The Kingdom of God is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. In the Old Covenant, they didn't have righteousness in the Holy Spirit. It was a human righteousness that came through personal struggle and effort, and they lived pretty good lives.

But no Old Testament person had victory in his thought life. Even John the Baptist, he couldn't overcome dirty thoughts, or Elijah or Elisha. They were very good outwardly, but they didn't have an inner life.

It's just not possible. It was a righteousness, it was an external righteousness. Jesus said that to the Pharisees, you clean the outside of the cup, the inside is filthy.

That was because they didn't have the Holy Spirit. And anyone who didn't have the Holy Spirit, didn't have the Holy Spirit,

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