

Righteous - cont.

are open to their prayers...: (1 Pet. 3:12).
How is prayer helpful if we can't be
righteous?

Can You Handle It Yourself?

I can't remember where I read the story of a young boy that was doing his best to lift a rock that was too large for someone his size. As told, he grunted and puffed as he tried various methods for lifting the rock. But, in spite of all his efforts, the rock wouldn't budge. His father walked by and, after watching his son's struggle, asked if he was having trouble. The boy answered, "Yes, I've tried everything, and it won't move." The father replied, "Are you sure you have tried every possibility - that you have used every resource at your disposal?" The boy looked up with frustration and exhaustion and grunted out, "Yes!" With kindness, the father bent over and softly said, "No, my son, you haven't. You haven't asked for my help."

How often are we like the little boy, struggling with our problems but unable to solve them - because we have not asked our heavenly Father's help? Obtain your righteousness through the obedience to the gospel of Jesus Christ (Rom. 1:16-17) and continue to live righteous lives that the power of prayer and the strength of the Lord may rest upon you.

- Steve Reeves -

Gospel Meeting Schedule

April 11-14, 2019

Thursday: "What Has the Lord Spoken?"
(7 pm)

Friday: "Do You Really Want to Know What
the Lord Has Spoken" (7 pm)

Saturday: "When People Don't Like What
the Lord Has Spoken" (7 pm)

Sunday: "Is Not My Word Like A Fire?"
(9:30 am)

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Bury Me In A Hope Chest

I have known of Christians that encouraged their loved ones to not bury them in expensive caskets. “It’s just going to be put into the ground and after I’m gone, I don’t care how long it lasts”, they would say. They are right. The Lord is not dependent on a preserved body to resurrect it. Couple that thought with the next.

Caskets or Hope Chests?

A few years back some furniture makers decided to circumvent the middle man (funeral homes) and sell caskets directly to the consumer. Some states allowed it (I think Costco actually sold some), but others outlawed it. Some rather inventive minds began to market plain caskets as “Hope Chests”.

For the younger generation, a hope chest, dowry chest, cedar chest, or glory box is a chest used to collect items of clothing or household linen, by unmarried young women in anticipation (hope) of a married life. The term “hope chest” was used here in the States, while “glory box” was used by women in the United Kingdom and Australia. What may be considered a novel idea (caskets as Hope Chests) is quite a fitting concept for the Christian.

Hope of Heaven

It is appropriate for a Christian to be buried in a “hope chest” as our hope is the hope of heaven. This is simply not a wish for heaven, but a living hope. A wish means simply a “desire for”, while a hope is a desire with “expectation of obtainment”, “to expect with confidence.”

Christians have a hope of heaven because we have an expectation of obtainment. It is based on God’s word, “...that through patience and through comfort of the scriptures we might have hope” (Rom. 15:4). It is found in Christ, “through whom also we have had our access by faith into this grace wherein we stand; and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God” (Rom. 5:2). Indeed, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy begat us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, unto an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fades not away, reserved in heaven for you, who by the power of God are guarded through faith unto a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time” (1 Peter 1:3-5). – Steve Reeves

Would You Say That You Are A Righteous Person?

Many, thinking to express humility, will say something like, “Well, I would say I’m righteous, but I try to be.” Others are afraid

to express that they are in the righteous category for fear of being “self-righteous”. Being righteous and “self-righteous” is not the same thing! First of all, the term “self-righteous” is not found in the scriptures. Paul does describe certain Jews who were ignorant of God’s means of making man righteous and they sought to establish their own way of being righteous (Rom. 10:1-3). In so doing, they did not attain unto the righteousness of God. Therefore it is not “self-righteous” to be made righteous by the gospel of Jesus Christ!

Why Be Righteous?

This article can’t support all of the reasons revealed in Scripture! However, consider that Simeon was called a righteous man (Lk. 2:25) and so was Joseph of Arimathea (Lk. 23:50). Jesus said that the righteous will go “into eternal life” (Mt. 25:46). Paul, quoting Habakkuk said that the righteous or just shall live by faith (Rom. 1:7). He said that many are made “righteous” by Jesus’ death on the cross (Rom. 5:19).

The “righteous” have the help that comes from above through prayer! “The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much: (James 5:16). “...The prayer of the upright is His delight” (Prov. 15:8) “For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears