

World victory church
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How to Think Righteously

I. Introduction: What It Means to Think Righteously

- Righteous thinking begins with a transformed mindset.
- Key principle: Stop condemning yourself and others.

II. The Foundation of Righteous Thinking

- **2 Corinthians 5:17-21**
 - We are new creations in Christ.
 - God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.
- Righteousness = being innocent, justified, and in right standing with God.

III. Old Covenant vs. New Covenant

- **Old Testament (Law of Condemnation)**
 - Established through Moses.
 - Revealed sin and brought awareness of guilt.
- **New Testament (Law of Reconciliation/Righteousness)**
 - Established through Jesus Christ.
 - Brings forgiveness, restoration, and right standing with God.

IV. The Power of Identity in Christ

- You are righteous—not based on works, but on Christ.
- Thinking righteously starts with seeing yourself correctly.

V. The Example of Barabbas

- Who was Barabbas?
 - A guilty criminal set free.
- Significance:
 - Jesus took the place of the guilty.
 - Represents substitution—Jesus became what we were so we could become what He is.

VI. Freedom from Self-Condemnation

- **1 John 3:20-22**
 - Even if our hearts condemn us, God is greater.
- Result of righteous thinking:
 - Confidence in God.
 - Boldness in life and prayer.

VII. Jesus and the Adulterous Woman

- **John 8:4–12**
 - Jesus refused to condemn her.
 - “Go and sin no more” = invitation to a new way of living, not condemnation.
- Key insight:
 - Grace empowers transformation, not shame.

VIII. Living Without Condemnation

- **Romans 8:1–4, 9–10, 15–16**
 - No condemnation for those in Christ.
 - We are led by the Spirit, not the flesh.
 - We are adopted as children of God.
- Identity shift:
 - From slave/servant → to child of God.

IX. The Result of Righteous Thinking

- Confidence in God.
- Confidence in your walk and daily life.
- Freedom from guilt and shame.

X. The Promise of Justification

- **Acts 13:38–39**
 - Through Jesus, forgiveness of sins is proclaimed.
 - Justified from everything the law could not justify.

XI. Conclusion

- Stop condemning yourself.
- Embrace your righteousness in Christ.
- Walk confidently as a child of God.
- Think righteously—and your life will reflect it