

ALL STAFF DEVOTION
**BECOMING EFFECTIVE
PRIESTS & KINGS** (PART 9)



**LIVING
RIGHTEOUSLY**
to be effective
Priests & Kings (1)

The Lord Jesus called the disciples to:

1. Be **with Him** - build relationship with God;
2. **Share** the Gospel;
3. Have **power to heal** the sick;
4. Have **power to cast out** demon.

Maturing in Him

**Sharing Christ as
Priest & King**

The Disciple is a **Priest & King**

Heart of Discipleship-DNA of BBTC
End-Time Harvest-Increased
Demonic Activities
P & K Thrive-not survive



Applications

#1 - **Reach out to the Lost** - Relationship + Strategic Prayers

Harvest time is short! [John 4:35]

Labourers lacking [Matthew 9:37-38]

#2 - **Resist the devil** [James 4:7]

#3 - **Rebuke sickness & disease**

#4 - **Take authority over your environment**



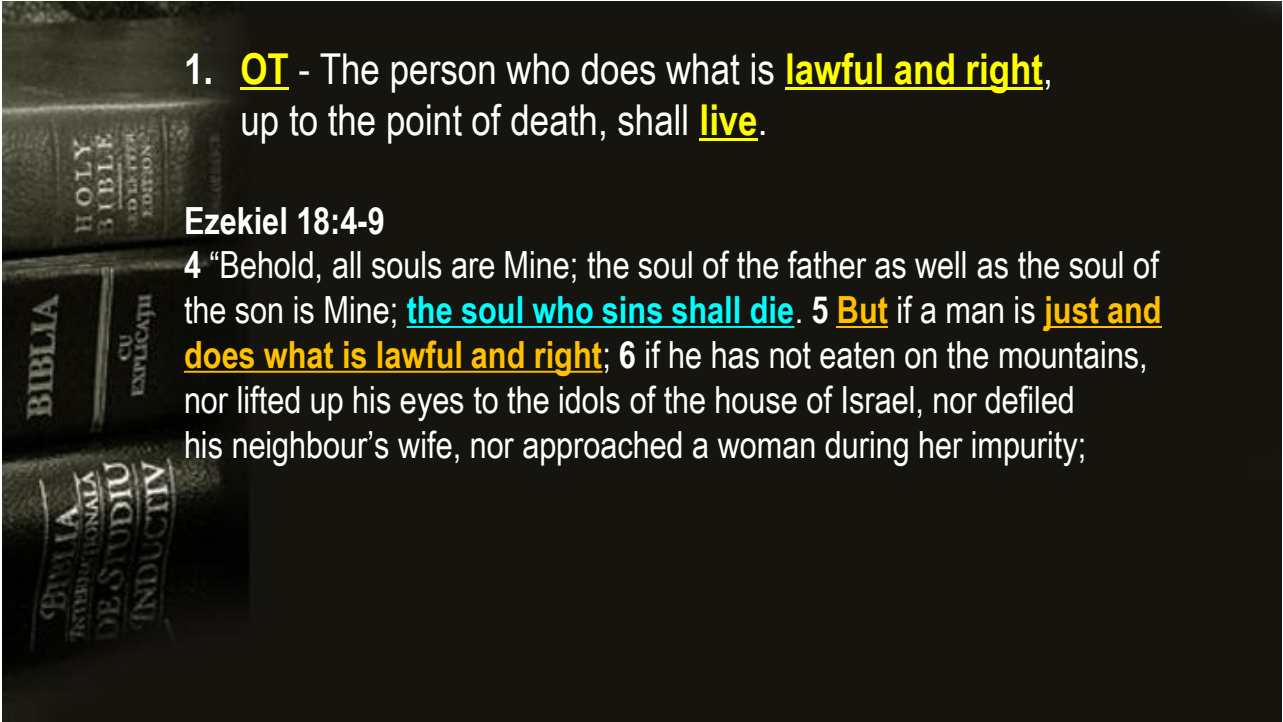


Living righteously to be effective Priests & Kings

I. In the OT, under the law, living righteously is a salvation issue.

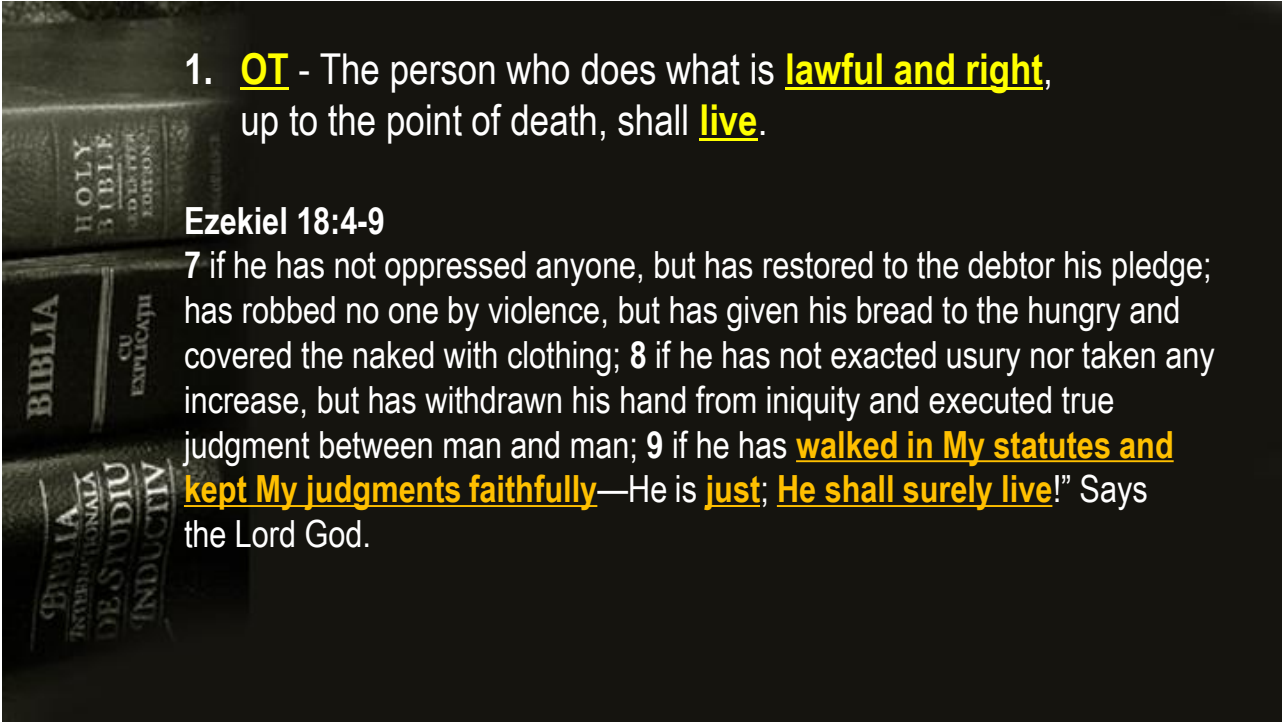
Romans 10:5 For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them."

Leviticus 18:5 You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, which if a man does, he shall live by them: I am the Lord.

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1. OT - The person who does what is lawful and right, up to the point of death, shall live.

Ezekiel 18:4-9

4 “Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine; the soul who sins shall die. 5 But if a man is just and does what is lawful and right; 6 if he has not eaten on the mountains, nor lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, nor defiled his neighbour’s wife, nor approached a woman during her impurity;

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7 if he has not oppressed anyone, but has restored to the debtor his pledge; has robbed no one by violence, but has given his bread to the hungry and covered the naked with clothing; 8 if he has not exacted usury nor taken any increase, but has withdrawn his hand from iniquity and executed true judgment between man and man; 9 if he has walked in My statutes and kept My judgments faithfully—He is just; He shall surely live!” Says the Lord God.

2. OT - Continual exhortation to live and do right according to the laws of God.

Daniel 4:27 Therefore, O king (Nebu), let my advice be acceptable to you; break off your sins by being righteous, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor. Perhaps there may be a lengthening of your prosperity.”

2. OT - Continual exhortation to live and do right according to the laws of God.

Psalm 15:1-2

1 Lord, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill?

2 He who walks uprightly, and works righteousness, and speaks the truth in his heart.



2. OT - Continual exhortation to live and do right according to the laws of God.

Malachi 3:3 He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer to the Lord an offering in righteousness.

3. OT - The one who lived right has standing with God.



Psalm 18:20-24

20 The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands He has recompensed me. 21 For I have kept the ways of the Lord, and have not wickedly departed from my God. 22 For all His judgments were before me, and I did not put away His statutes from me. 23 I was also blameless before Him, and I kept myself from my iniquity. 24 Therefore the Lord has recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in His sight.

3. **OT** - The one who lived right has **standing** with God.

Genesis 15:6 And he (**Abraham**) **believed in the Lord**, and He **accounted it to him for righteousness**.

Job 1:1 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was **Job**; and that man was **blameless and upright**, and one who **feared God** and **shunned evil**.



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Genesis 6:8-9 (AMP)

8 But Noah found **favour and grace** in the eyes of the Lord. **9** These are the records of the generations (family history) of Noah. Noah was a **righteous man** [one who was **just** and had **right standing with God**], **blameless** in his [evil] generation; Noah walked (lived) [in habitual fellowship] with God.



4. **OT** - The person who **sins**, up to the point of death, shall **die**.

Ezekiel 18:10-13

10 If he begets a son who is a **robber** or a **shedder of blood**,
 11 .. **defiled his neighbour's wife**; 12 if he has **oppressed the poor and needy**, **robbed by violence**, **not restored the pledge**, lifted his eyes to the **idols**, or **committed abomination**; 13 if he has **exacted usury** or taken increase—
 shall he then live? **He shall not live!** If he has done any of these abominations, **He shall surely die**; His blood shall be upon him.

5. The person's righteousness is **for himself**, will be **judged** accordingly and it **cannot** be transferred.

Ezekiel 14:14, 16, 18, 20

14 & 20 Even if these three men, **Noah**, **Daniel**, and **Job**, were in it, they would **deliver only themselves by their righteousness**," says the Lord God.

16 & 18 Even though these **three men** were in it, as I live," says the Lord God, "they would **deliver neither sons nor daughters**; **only they would be delivered**, and the land would be desolate.

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Ezekiel 18:20 The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. **The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself**, and the **wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself**.



6. **OT** - God desires for all to live righteously to be **saved**.

Ezekiel 18:23, 30, 32

23 Do I have any pleasure at all that the wicked should die?" says the Lord God, "and not **that he should turn from his ways and live?**

30 "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways," says the Lord GOD. "**Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin.**

32 For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies," says the Lord God. "**Therefore turn and live!**"



2 Peter 3:9

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II. In the **NT**, under **Grace**, our salvation is secured by **believing and confessing** Jesus as our Lord.

Romans 10:9-10

9 that if you **confess** with your mouth the Lord Jesus and **believe** in your **heart** that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be **saved**. 10 For with the **heart** one **believes unto righteousness**, and with the mouth **confession is made unto salvation**.

1. It is completely by the **Mercy and Grace** of God.

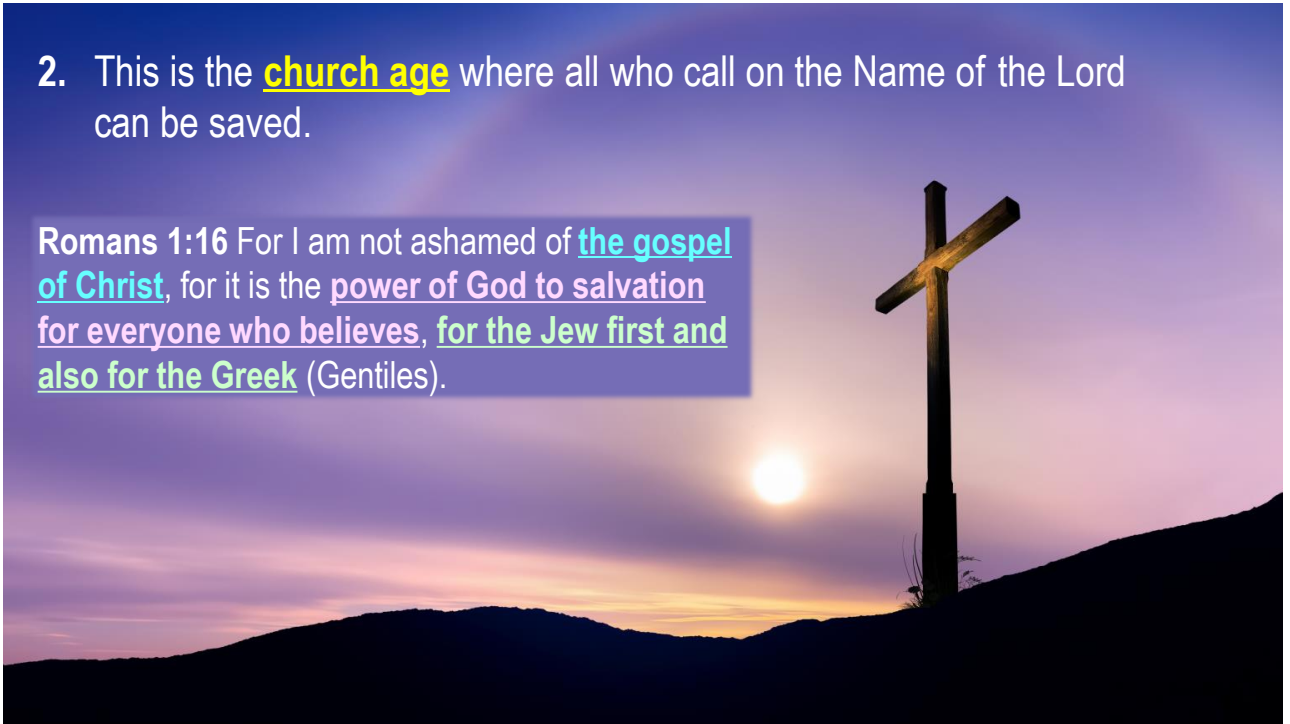
Ephesians 2:8-9

8 For **by grace** you have been **saved through faith**, and that not of yourselves; it is the **gift of God**, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the **gift of God** is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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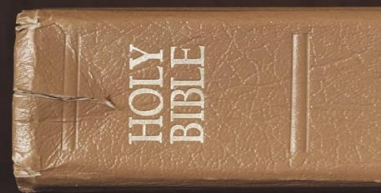
Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of **the gospel of Christ**, for it is the **power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek** (Gentiles).



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- Church Age - Peter (remnant Old Covenant) to Paul (New Covenant)]

Ephesians 3:2-3

2 if indeed you have heard of **the dispensation of the grace of God** which was given to me for you, 3 how that by revelation He made known to me the **mystery** ...



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Hebrews 10:19-21

19 Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by **the blood of Jesus**,
 20 by a **new and living way** which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, 21 and having a **High Priest** over the house of God.

B. Perfect High Priest

A. Perfect Blood of Jesus

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Hebrews 10:1-4

1 For **the law**, **having a shadow of the good things to come** and not the very image of the things, **can never with these same sacrifices**, which they offer continually year by year, **make those who approach perfect**. 2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more **consciousness of sins**. 3 But in those sacrifices there is a **reminder of sins every year**. 4 For **it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins**.

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Hebrews 9:14 how much more shall **the blood of Christ**, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself **without spot** to God, **cleanse your conscience** from dead works to serve the living God?

Romans 9:1 I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, **my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit.**

Acts 24:16 This being so, I myself **always strive to have a conscience without offense toward God and men.**

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2 Corinthians 5:21 [Divine Exchange]

God made **Him (Jesus Christ) who had no sin (perfect)** to **be sin for us, (bore all our sins)** so that **in Him (Jesus Christ) we might become (have) the (perfect) righteousness of God.**

Galatians 3:10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not continue in **all** things which are written in the book of the law, to do them."

James 2:10 For whoever shall keep the whole law, and **yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.**

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Romans 10:3-4

3 For they being ignorant of **God's righteousness**, and seeking to establish **their own righteousness**, have not submitted to the **righteousness of God**. **4** **For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.**

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1 Corinthians 6:19-20

19 Or do you not know that **your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you**, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? **20** For you were **bought at a price**; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

1 Peter 1:19 (**redeemed**) with the **precious blood of Christ**, as of **a lamb without blemish and without spot**.

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B. We have a Perfect High Priest

Hebrews 7:23 Also there were **many priests (from the Tribe of Levi)**, because they were **prevented by death from continuing**.

Hebrews 7:2-3

2 to whom (**Melchizedek**) also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated "**king of righteousness**," and then also **king of Salem**, meaning "king of peace," 3 **without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually**.

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Hebrews 7:16-17, 22, 24-25

16 who **has come**, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the **power of an endless life**. 17 For He testifies: "**You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek**."

22 by so much more **Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant**.

24 But He, **because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood**. 25 Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since **He always lives to make intercession for them**.

1 Timothy 2:5 For there is **one God** and **one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus**.

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