THE ROBES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
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A Study guide for Leaders in the Body of Christ

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THE ROBES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS
AND THE GARMENTS OF SALVATION

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PART I

We (the Timothy II Team) have been ‘Called’ to put the “Robes of Righteousness” on the Philippines!
Question: Does this include more of Asia?
Answer: We believe so.

"The Robe of Righteousness" on the Philippines.
We are to put it on.
(More of Asia?)
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PART II

The “Robes of Righteousness” will be put on the whole world!

Question: Do we (the Timothy II Team) do it?
Answer: We believe so.

INTRODUCTION:
Since having this Vision from the Lord, Timothy II has been searching the Scriptures to understand exactly what the Lord means by the “Robes of Righteousness”. (Acts 17:11) While ministering overseas, the Lord has had the Timothy II Team involved in both ministering to Pastors/Priests and Church Leaders, as well as doing Evangelism..

All of us in the ‘Body of Christ’ are Called to go into all the world and preach the gospel, and to lead people to the Lord. (Matthew 28:19, 20) (Mark 16:15, 16) (Luke 24:47) Only some of us are Called to minister to Church Leaders. (2 Timothy 2:2)

I believe the Scriptures reveal that putting on the “Robes of Righteousness” on the Church, is what we are doing when we are ministering to the Pastors/Priests and Church Leaders. In turn they will be responsible to put them on the ‘Body of Christ’. The ministering consists of helping to bring them into an ‘honest’ and ‘right’ relationship with God. (Hebrews 4:12, 13)

Putting on the “Garments of Salvation” is what we are doing when we are Evangelizing, and is the responsibility of all of the ‘Body of Christ’.

The following Scripture shows that the “Garments of Salvation” which are about Salvation, are different from the “Robe of Righteousness” which is about Righteousness. Notice also, that we are clothed with the “Garments of Salvation”, whereas we are covered on top of that with the “Robe of Righteousness”.

**Isa 61:10**

10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.

**Job 29:14**

14 I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgment was as a robe and a diadem.

We are to put on the “Robes of Righteousness” just like a bridegroom puts on his ornaments and the bride puts on her jewels. However, even though we are involved with making the decision for Christ and for Righteousness, it is God that actually does the clothing and the covering.

It is the Role of the Apostle/Messenger to put on the “Robes of Righteousness” on the Church, in order to help get Her ready for the soon ‘Coming’ of Jesus Christ.

**Rev 19:7**

7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. Amen!

We will start out this Study Guide with the “Robes of Righteousness” and then compare them with the “Garments of Salvation”.

I. WHAT IS RIGHTEOUSNESS?

THE DICTIONARY SAYS:
The condition of being righteous; a righteous deed.

VINE’S BIBLE DICTIONARY SAYS:
"Righteousness is not said to be imputed to the believer save in the sense that faith is imputed ("reckoned" is the better word) for righteousness. It is clear that in <Rom. 4:6,11>, 'righteousness reckoned' must be understood in the light of the context, 'faith reckoned for righteousness,' <vv. 3,5, 9,22>. 'For' in these places is eis, which does not mean 'instead of,' but 'with a view to.' The faith thus exercised brings the soul into vital union with God in Christ, and inevitably produces righteousness of life, that is, conformity to the will of God."
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STRONG’S CONCORDANCE SAYS:
6666 tsedaqah (tsed-aw-kaw'); from 6663; rightness (abstractly), subjectively (rectitude), objectively (justice), morally (virtue) or figuratively (prosperity):
KJV-- justice, moderately, right (-eous) (act, -ly, -ness).

NELSON’S BIBLE DICTIONARY SAYS:
RIGHTEOUSNESS:
Holy and upright living, in accordance with God's standard. The word righteousness comes from a root word that means "straightness." It refers to a state that conforms to an authoritative standard. Righteousness is a moral concept. God's character is the definition and source of all righteousness <Gen. 18:25; Deut. 32:4; Rom. 9:14>. Therefore, man's righteousness is defined in terms of God's.

In the Old Testament the term righteousness is used to define man's relationship with God <Ps. 50:6; Jer. 9:24> and with other people <Jer. 22:3>. In the context of relationships, righteous action is action that promotes the peace and well-being of human beings in their relationships to one another.

For example, Adam and Eve would have acted righteously in their relationship with God if they had obeyed Him, because His commands defined that relationship. The Ten Commandments and related laws defined Israel's relationship with God. To obey those laws was to act righteously, because such obedience maintained the covenant relationship between God and His people.

The sacrificial system in the Old Testament and the Cross of Jesus in the New Testament show man's need for righteousness. Sin is disobedience to the terms that define man's relationship with God and with other people. Since the FALL in the Garden
of Eden, man is inherently unrighteous. As the prophet Isaiah said, "We are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; we all fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away" <Is. 64:6>. Man cannot be righteous in the sight of God on his own merits. Therefore, man must have God's righteousness imputed, or transferred, to him.

The cross of Jesus is a public demonstration of God's righteousness. God accounts or transfers the righteousness of Christ to those who trust in Him <Rom. 4:3-22; Gal. 3:6; Phil. 3:9>. We do not become righteous because of our inherent goodness; God sees us as righteous because of our identification by faith with His Son.

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II. RIGHTEOUSNESS ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES:

Salvation is given to us by the Lord, it is a Gift from God. (Romans 6:23) However, we must “Act” in order to receive the Gift of Salvation, or we will not have it. We do this by confessing with our mouth the Lord Jesus, and by inviting Him into our Hearts as our Lord and Savior, and believing that God has raised Him from the dead. (Romans 10:9, 10)

So it is with Righteousness.
Our own Righteousness is as ‘filthy’ rags before we receive Salvation. (Isaiah 64:6)
However, after we receive Salvation, our “Actions” produces Righteousness in our life.

The following is a list of those “Actions”:

The “Action” of keeping His Commandments:

Deut 6:25
And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the LORD our God, as he hath commanded us.

John 14:21
He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

I Jn 2:3-4
And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.
He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

The “Action” of Believing in the Lord:
Gen 15:6
And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.
Rom 4:3
3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

Rom 4:24

24 But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;

The “Action” of Faith:

Rom 4:5
5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

Rom 4:9
9 Cometh this blessedness then upon the circumcision only, or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness.

Rom 4:11
11 And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also:

Rom 4:13
13 For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

Rom 4:20
20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

Rom 4:22
22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.

The “Action” of becoming Servants to God:

Rom 6:18
18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

Rom 6:20
20 For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.

Rom 6:22
22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

III. PUTTING ON THE ROBES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS:
The Lord clothes us with Salvation, but the “Robes of Righteousness” are those special ornaments and jewels He ‘covers’ us with, when we obey Him.

**Isa 61:10**
10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath ‘covered’ me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridgroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.

According to the Scriptures, we must **put on** these “Robes of Righteousness”. We do this by doing the Will of the Father, and by Serving Him.

**Job 29:12-16**
12 Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him.
13 The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.
14 I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgment was as a robe and a diadem.
15 I was eyes to the blind, and feet was I to the lame.
16 I was a father to the poor: and the cause which I knew not I searched out.

**Matt 12:50**
50 For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

The Pastors/Priests are to be clothed with Righteousness. This will bring joy to the ‘Body of Christ’.

**Ps 132:9**
9 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy saints shout for joy.

Righteousness will spring forth before all of the nations, before Jesus returns.

**Isa 61:11**
11 For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

Although putting on the “Robes of Righteousness” on earth is symbolic, when we are in Heaven, we will receive a **real** White Robe!

If you think it is tough to put on the “Robes of Righteousness” on earth today, just think about those who will do so during the ‘Tribulation Period’.

They will suffer greatly and many will die in order to receive their White Robes in Heaven!

**Rev 6:9-11**
And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:

And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

There are many, many, many that will be saved out of the ‘Great Tribulation’, but they will have to go through much (verse 16).

**Rev 7:9**

After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

**Rev 7:13-17**

And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

**Rev 20:4**

And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

The Church shall make herself ready, and then will come the ‘Marriage Supper of the Lamb’. Amen!

**Rev 19:5-9**

And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.

And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. (The Church)
And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the “righteousness of saints”.

And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

IV. PUTTING ON THE GARMENTS OF SALVATION:

When the ‘Body of Christ’ goes forth to lead people to the Lord, they are to go forth in Righteousness.

They are to gather in the harvest, but they not responsible for the outcome. They don’t get the credit, and they are not responsible. Just bring them in!

Matt 22:2-10
2 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son,
3 And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come.
4 Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage.
5 But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise:
6 And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them.
7 But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.
8 Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy.
9 Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.
10 So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests.

However, the Wedding Garments (of Salvation) must be put on us, before we will be able to attend the ‘Marriage Supper of the Lamb’.

Matt 22:11-14
11 And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:
12 And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.
13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
14 For many are called, but few are chosen.
The Pastors/Priests are to be clothed with Salvation. When they are, the ‘Body of Christ’ will rejoice.

2 Chr 6:41
41 Now therefore arise, O LORD God, into thy resting place, thou, and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in goodness.

Some in the Church have not defiled their Wedding Garments, so they will be at the Marriage Supper.

Rev 3:4
4 Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.

Others have overcome and will not be ‘blotted out’ of the ‘Book of life’.

Rev 3:5
5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

Jesus counsels us to put on the White “Garments of Salvation”.

Rev 3:18
18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

Rev 16:15
15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

V. GENERAL INSIGHT INTO RIGHTEOUSNESS:

When we have Wisdom, Knowledge and Understanding, then we will understand Righteousness: (Three of the Seven Spirits of God) (Isaiah 11:2)

Prov 2:6-9
6 For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.
7 He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.
8 He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints.
Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path.

**Dan 12:3**

3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

When we understand Righteousness, we will do the *works* of Righteousness:

**Ps 15:1-5**

1 LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?
2 He that walketh uprightly, and “worketh” righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.
3 He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.
4 In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.
5 He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

**Ps 24:3-6**

3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?
4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.
5 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
6 This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah.

The Blessings of having put on the “Robes of Righteousness”.

**Matt 5:6**

6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

**Matt 5:10**

10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**Ps 106:3**

3 Blessed are they that keep judgment, and he that doeth righteousness at all times.

**Ps 112:4-10**

4 Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.
5 A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.
6 Surely he shall not be moved for ever: **the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.**
7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.
8 His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he see his desire upon his enemies.
9 He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; **his righteousness endureth for ever;** his horn shall be exalted with honour.
10 The wicked shall see it, and be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.

*Isa 33:15-17*

15 **He that walketh righteously,** and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil;
16 **He shall dwell on high:** his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure.
17 **Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty:** they shall behold the land that is very far off.

The Fruit of those who have put on the “Robes of Righteousness”.

*Prov 11:30*

30 **The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.**

*Prov 14:34*

34 **Righteousness exalteth a nation:** but sin is a reproach to any people.

*Prov 29:7*

7 **The righteous considereth the cause of the poor:** but the wicked regardeth not to know it.

**CONCLUSION:**

It is time for the ‘Body of Christ’, the ‘**True Church**’, to put on the “Robes of Righteousness”, because **He** is Righteous.
I Jn 2:28-29
28 And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.
29 If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.

Jesus said:

Matt 5:20
20 For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Paul said:

1 Cor 15:34
34 Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.

Peter said:

1 Pet 3:14
14 But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;

AMEN!

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