



RBM's AFRICAN BIBLE COLLEGE (ABC) CERTIFICATION

LESSON 2 to be grouped with lessons 3 & 4

There is none righteous no not one! (Romans 3:10) Are you righteous?

Read Romans 3:10 again, and answer this question, “**Are you righteous?**”

- Right now are you a *sinner* or are you *righteous*?

If you are a sinner, then can you go to heaven? Answer: No (Revelation 21:27)

If you are righteous, then can you go to hell? Answer: No (Genesis 18:23, 25)

- There are no righteous people in hell.

Since only the righteous can enter the kingdom of heaven, who is the first person that the Bible calls righteous that shall be in the kingdom of heaven? Don't look at the answer!

Matthew 8:11 - Jesus said, “*And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven.*”

How did Abraham, the first person God considered righteous, become righteous? Answer: **Romans 4:3** “Abraham *believed God* and it was accounted to him for righteousness.”

Since “All of our righteousnesses are as filthy rags.” (Isaiah 64:6) Let's name some of our righteousnesses. Our praying, Bible reading, witnessing, preaching all of these are our righteousnesses that our holy God counts as filthy rags in regards to our salvation.

Since you are “to walk in the steps of that faith of Abraham,” how do you become righteous like Abraham? As Abraham *believed God* you must “*Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ* and thou shalt be saved,” which means be made righteous in right standing with God (Act 16:31).

It is by believing in Jesus that we obtain “The **righteousness of God** which is **by faith** of Jesus Christ unto all and **upon all** them **that believe.**” (Romans 3:22, 5:17)

BELIEVE WHAT? “**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ....**” (Acts 16:31)

When a sinner believes Jesus died for their sins and rose again, then the righteousness of God comes “*unto them and upon them that believe*” not *behave* but believe. Behavior will change with *discipleship* as one is taught *how to strive to live godly life in Christ Jesus by the word of God*.

A convert's behavior does not change and stay changed after he or she receives the free gift of righteousness at salvation *else discipleship training would be unnecessary*. The free gift of righteousness at salvation does not automatically make you live according to the word of God, only discipleship can do this which is why Jesus said, “Go and make disciples” instead of , just “Go and get them saved.”

So if you believe in Jesus are you righteous like Abraham or a sinner like a lost person?