



Overcome evil with good, falsehood
with truth, and hatred with love.
The message isn't new, but we
haven't learned to live it yet.

A RIGHTEOUSNESS BEYOND “BEING” GOOD

- Matt.4:23 – “And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.”**
- Matt.5:20 - “For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”**
- We are to be living in the present “Kingdom of Heaven” under the rule and supply of the King of Heavens, through total surrender of all I am and have to the king**

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- Matt.6:1 - “Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.”**
- Moving beyond the “rightness” of the scribes and pharisees means moving beyond “not doing anything wrong!”**
- In this next section of the Talk on the Hill, Jesus is asking us, “Why do we do what we do?” Why do I do my religious activity?**

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- John 5:44 - How can you have faith when you seek glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the One who alone is God?**
- Matt.23:5-7 – “They do all their deeds to be seen by others. For they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long, and they love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces and being called rabbi by others.”**

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- Luke 16:14–15 - Now the Pharisees were lovers of money, and when they heard Jesus’ teachings they scoffed at him. But he responded: “You try to look good in the eyes of men. But God sees your hearts. And what men think highly of is a stench before God.”**
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- 1. It does not mean I must “hide” my religious activity, in the same way I must not “look” at women. (5:28)**
- 2. Our intent is determined by what we want from our action. When we do it for human approval, God stands aside and lets human approval be our reward.**
 - The Puritans lived as if they stood before an audience of One.**
 - Rom.12:21 – “Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”**
 - Eph.2:22 – “In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.”**

Steps To The Fullness Of God - Eph.3:16-19

1. ¹⁶ That according to the riches of his glory he may grant **you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,**
2. ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—
3. that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
4. ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and **to know the love of Christ** that surpasses knowledge,
5. that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

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- John 17:20-23 – “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one,²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

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- 1. Jesus has prayed for you that you will be one with Himself and the Father – Submit to Him and Pray for it!**
- 2. Jesus has given His Holy Spirit to seal, indwell, and empower with enough power to raise you from the dead. – By faith, believe it and live it!**
- 3. Pray you would have the strength to KNOW the vastness of the Love of Christ**
- 4. Trust you will be filled with the all the Fullness of God**