

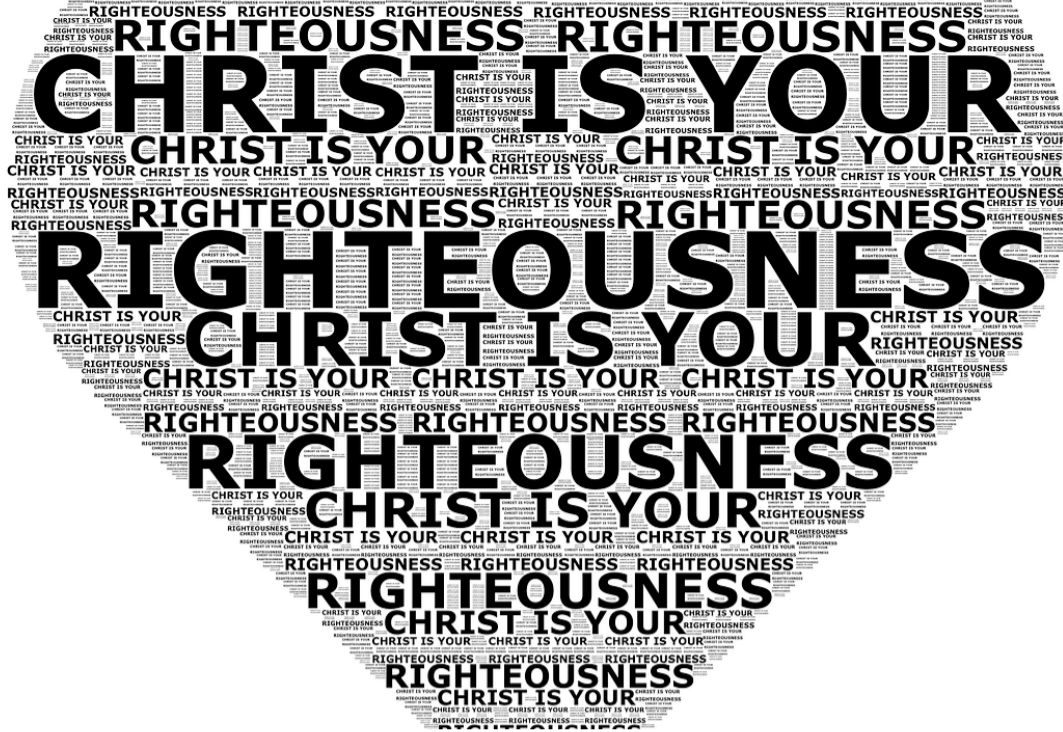
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RIGHTEOUS

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RIGHTEOUS

equals trust.

Celebrate God by trusting God.

“ ...

*For we say,
‘FAITH WAS RECKONED
TO ABRAHAM
AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.’”*

(Romans 4:9 NAS77 emphasis mine)



Photo by Vernon Weight

YOU ARE RIGHTEOUS when you trust.

Let's not make a big deal over this. You are RIGHTEOUS when you are RIGHTEOUS and you know when you are RIGHTEOUS when you trust the fact that you are RIGHTEOUS.

It is like coming to saving faith. You trust you are saved when you trust the One who says you are saved. (I John 5:9-13)

To be RIGHTEOUS is not to have gained a Godly quality. It is when you have stepped into the middle of the equation where trust has become the same as RIGHTEOUSness. It is yes to trusting and trusting is revealed as enough. That very act of trusting is RIGHTEOUS behavior.

TRUST = RIGHTEOUS

It is so simple. Trusting God will accomplish His desires in you, for you, with you, and thru you. His

acting thru you is the expression of RIGHTEOUSness. I do not mean it creates RIGHTEOUSness, it is RIGHTEOUSness itself. The one is the other.

Where does this trust and trusting come from? It is nothing more nor less than the face to face encounter with Christ we all desire to gain or ignore.

Years ago, in 1967, my mother asked me to meet her in Las Vegas and sent me \$50 to make that happen. At the time I was living in a Hotel in Cheyenne, Wyoming. I 'owned' a 1966 442 Oldsmobile and with the \$50 I could have driven it to Vegas.

For whatever reason, I left the car with a friend and hitchhiked to Vegas. Today I know exactly why I did that, but then it was a mystery. My mother was both surprised and miffed when we met up in Vegas. She may have never discerned the



value of my having hitchhiked, but I was trusting an inner call to venture some 850 miles taking me through Utah where I met a man named Bliss Childs. He is the man in the photo above who officiated at our wedding two years after he picked me up hitchhiking through Provo, Utah. I trusted God that I should leave the car behind and two years later I was no longer alone and have been blessed with my wife for the past 51 years. It was the RIGHT thing to do. It was a RIGHTEOUS act.

It was trust at work trusting the PERSON who had a plan.

Linda and I recite this scripture often, “In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.” (Proverbs 3:6 KJV)

Well, today my wife, children, and grandchildren are the direct outcome of listening to that small still voice. I expressed my being RIGHTEOUS by my trusting a nudge. In fact, I so trusted that nudge that I acted upon it and the ‘vague idea’ I took, took me. Where and what I am today in this RIGHTEOUS relationship with God and humanity was inseminated in that one event, fertile with the lives to come. Trust, right now, in Christ, you are RIGHTEOUS.