

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Ps 18:20 The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.

Ps 18:24 Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.

There is something to be said for right living. In the Old Testament a person lived by his or her righteousness and brought the sin and trespass offerings as was instructed in their law. Following what God said is righteous living. There is a reward for righteous living as David stated in the psalm. His reward was protection and deliverance from his enemies. (expounded in Psalm 18)

Pr 14:34 Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin *is* a reproach to any people.

Righteous living in the Old Testament would have kept Israel living in the Promised Land with bountiful harvest and healthy livestock. It also would have given them safe borders. (How are our borders?) (How is our economy?)

Some of the reward is on the spiritual side of things. The conscience being void of offense is a result of right living. The righteous doth sing and rejoice. The righteous are bold as a lion; the righteous will rejoice again in the day of God's vengeance.

We are made righteous when we receive Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour. That righteousness is created in our soul and works its way through our body. Usually beginning with the speech and resulting in charity and grace towards others.

In today's world you probably have heard 'no good deed goes unpunished' and often times that just seems to be how it is. The cause and effect element to that statement is the lack of love and the cruelty and the **selfishness of man**.

But it is still rewarding to do right. One of the results is respect from people with good character.

- *We shouldn't be swayed by statements from people of 'no character'.*

The centurion said of Jesus "certainly this was a righteous man."

Though we are living in a time where evil is being called good and good evil; still there is a reward for right living.

For example: Pr 15:29 The LORD *is* far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.

...The effectual fervent prayer of a _____ man availeth much.

Jacob stated that his righteousness would answer for him in time to come. Likewise for the Christian at the judgment seat of Christ.

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Ps 106:3 Blessed *are* they that keep judgment, *and* he that doeth righteousness at all times.

"STABLISHED, STRENGTHENED & SETTLED"

1Pe 5:10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle *you*.

Intro. Cause & Effect

Suffered

1. Stablished
2. Strengthened
3. Settled
4. Perfected = matured

Tonight at 5:00 2nd Peter "THREE THINGS A CHRISTIAN OUGHT TO DO"
Magnify – Mortify – Modify

Monday at 4:45 Hiawatha Care Center

Wed. at 5:30 Visitation

Wed. at 7:00 Bible Study & Prayer

March 12 – *Daylight savings time*

Missionary of the week: LaVita – Honduras (transitioning back to the states with health problems) Remember to pray for the missionaries.

"Good morning America"

