

Jehovah-Tsidkenu : The LORD our Righteousness

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Jeremiah 23:5 & 6

This morning I would like to speak on the subject of: Jehovah-Tsidkenu: The LORD our Righteousness. Every once and a while I love to speak on the names of God or the attributes of God. This is one of my favorite studies on the Lord Jesus Christ, to know that He is the LORD our Righteousness. To know that He has provided for us righteousness, that not one of us has nor could attain on our own, not could merit by any religious works or ceremonies and something we could not attain by any merit of our own. Righteousness, that is, **GODLY RIGHTEOUSNESS, HOLY RIGHTEOUSNESS** can only be obtained by **IMPUTATION**, that is, it is credited to us, given to us by our **LORD JESUS CHRIST**. If you are wondering why this is so important, it is very important because no one will enter heaven without this needed righteousness.

The Bible clearly states in simple but definite language in Romans 3:9 & 10, *“What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; 10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one.”* Paul is quoting from the Old Testament in Psalms 14 & 53. I do not want to spend too much time here, because the Bible is quite clear regarding the truth about man’s depravity, because my subject is the **RIGHTEOUSNESS OF CHRIST!** Now, Paul had just said that all men, both Jew and Gentile are under sin or if you wish, under the **POWER** of sin and as though Paul says, oh you’re not convinced, well the Bible says, *“as it is written,”* **THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS!** **NOT** one person can stand before God, not even the **POPE** or any American Evangelist starting with Billy Graham, no one, no not **ONE** which includes you and me and every living being in the world. Paul like a court room lawyer, a seasoned prosecuting attorney bringing his case to the end:

- Gives the **CHARGE: ALL ARE UNDER SIN!**
- Gives the **CONDEMNATION: Verses 10-18 Charges us with the OFFENSE against God!**
- Gives the **CONVICTION: GUILTY!** Verse 19, *“Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: **that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.**”*

Wouldn’t you love to hire Paul as an attorney, because Paul in beautiful judicial procedure in an air tight indictment against us convicts us as sinners condemned so that all we can do is hang our heads in shame: **GUILTY!**

The Greek word for none in verse 10 is ‘**ou**’ expresses a full negation that means **NO**

ONE; absolutely NO ONE is exempt which sets forth the universal truth of human depravity before a Holy God!

The word righteous in verse 10 is the Greek word '**dikaios**' from '**dike**' = right, just. One defines it as "*That which is in accordance with high standards of **rectitude** (the quality of being straight.)*"

Noah Webster in his dictionary defines the word rectitude as such, "*In morality, rightness of principle or practice; uprightness of mind; exact conformity to truth, or to the rules prescribed for moral conduct, either by divine or human laws. Rectitude of mind is the disposition to act in conformity to any known standard of right, truth or justice; rectitude of conduct is the actual conformity to such standard. Perfect rectitude belongs only to the Supreme Being. The more nearly the rectitude of men approaches to the standard of the divine law, the more exalted and dignified is their character. Want of rectitude is not only sinful, but debasing.*"

The word '**Dikaios**' also defines that which is in right relation to another and from a legal perspective '**dikaios**' refers to one who is law-abiding doing all that law or justice requires. This latter definition speaks only of what Christ has accomplished for us as: The LORD our RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Of course the idea of Paul is to show that no one, not a single individual has ever conformed to this aspect of righteousness because all of us starting with Adam have broken God's LAW and we all have been born into this world sinners and therefore as in verse 23, "*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*"

As a whole the human race sustained a great loss by the fall Adam, that is; in Adam we all fell and lost the aspect of a righteous nature and also legal righteousness before God. Remember that in the beginning of creation Adam was created upright and holy, Eccl.11:8, "*Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions.*" The sad story is that in Adam we all sinned and because of Adam's disobedience, man's original character of uprightness was completely destroyed and ruin. This is why the Bible teaches that we come from the womb as sinners and thus Paul clearly makes the point, THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS NO NOT ONE! Solomon agrees with Paul's indictment writing in Eccl. 7:20, "*For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.*" Thus, there is not a righteous man on earth who continually does good and who never sins. Again, "*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*"

Therefore Paul in Romans 3 continues showing the awful malady of our sinful problem, but then sets forth THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS as the only means of our righteousness, notice what Paul says about the essence of righteousness in verses 20 – 28 keeping in mind that the theme of Romans is the Righteousness of God, "*Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. 21 **But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested**, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; 22 **Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference**: 23 *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; 26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.**

27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay; but by the law of faith. 28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.” Paul is very clear in establishing that the only righteousness accepted by God is THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD! **“Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference.”** Then in verses 23-26 we are clearly told on the importance of faith, as the means or instrument that God used to declare us RIGHTEOUS BEFORE HIM! *“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; 26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.”*

Then in chapter 4 of Romans clearly shows the aspect of the imputed righteousness of Christ who again is the LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS, HIS righteousness is imputed or credited to us at salvation, look at verses 3-8, **“For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. 4 Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. 5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. 6 Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, 7 Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. 8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.”** Then Paul makes that application to those of us whom God has saved in verses 23 - 25, **“Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; 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; 25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.”**

The LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS came into this world to undo what Adam had done, that is; to reinstate that which was lost by Adam. The death of our LORD Jesus Christ upon the cross as our substitute DELIVERED us from all our sins. He paid our debt, He made atonement for our sins and redeemed us from the curse of the law, by making satisfaction to Divine justice for us, this is what the word DELIVER means in Romans 4:25 and the proof in the pudding, is that HE WAS RAISED from the DEAD, to show that SATISFACTION was fulfilled and the FATHER accepted His sacrifice and thus HE washed away our sins, He cleansed us totally from our sins, His agony and death FOREVER REMOVED our sins from us.

The LORD our RIGHTEOUSNESS by HIS one sacrifice, forever has SATISFIED the righteous DEMANDS of HIS HOLY FATHER, thus the penalty for sin has been ATONED FOR!

- 1 John 1:9, *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*
- Micah 7:18-19 says, *“Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy. 19 He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; **he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.”***
- Psalm 103:12, *“As far as the east is from the west, **so far hath He removed our***

transgressions from us.”

- Hebrew 8:12, “*For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities **will I remember no more.**”*

What a blessing, God in His goodness, mercy, compassion and love takes wicked defiled, depraved sinners and saves them by FAITH in Christ and promises to do 5 things:

- He will forgive our sins.
- He will subdue our sins.
- He will cast them into the depths of the sea.
- He will remove our sins as far as the east is from the west.
- He will remember our sins NO MORE!

Amazing what a blessing, especially when you understand our sinful condition and our GREAT GOD is willing to forgive, subdue, cast into the sea, remove as far as the east is from the west and will not remember OUR SINS!

Ps 86:5, “*For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.*” Neh.9:17, “*...but thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness...*”

All of this is found solely and only in the LORD Jesus Christ, Christ ALONE is our only hope, again it is in nothing that we can do or offer God, it's only in what GOD offered on the cross of CALVARY, His only begotten Son. No matter how often we preach this and warn sinners outside Christ on the importance of only looking to Christ, but many self-righteous sinners still believe that of their own accord they can somehow placate God, by doing something that God might just accept, but it will be to their own doom and detriment! For on judgment day, not a few, but MANY will hear these awful words: Turn to Matthew 7:21-23, “*Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that **doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.** 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, **I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.**” So sad that many will trust in their own self-righteousness instead of the righteousness of CHRIST!*

Our acceptance before God is in what CHRIST has ACCOMPLISHED! Our salvation, our forgiveness, our deliverance from sin and death, our redemption, our justification, our adoption, our righteousness, our sanctification and our eternal life is all based on what Christ did for us in HIS death, burial and resurrection.

His death, burial and resurrection assures us of our standing before God, to know in our heart that our sins have been washed away and that satisfaction has been rendered to God the Father regarding the demands of the LAW! His death washed away our sins, and

His blood covers us from head to foot. His death was the sacrifice to God, and His life is the gift to man, by which all God's elect have satisfied the demands of the law.

Christ said two precious things, one in John 17 and the other John 19, in 17:4, "*I have finished the work which Thou gavest Me to do.*" John 19:30, "*It is finished.*" What a blessing to experience the grace of salvation, one writer said, "*Throughout His earthly life, the Savior was spinning the fabric of that royal, priestly garment in which we are clothed; and in His death He dipped that garment in His blood. In His life he was gathering precious gold, and in His death He hammered it out to make for us a garment of wrought gold. We have as much to be thankful for in the life of Christ as we do in His death. In his life, Christ Jesus rendered perfect obedience to the law as our Substitute. And in His death, He satisfied the claims of the law as our Substitute. Therefore, the prophet of God declares of Christ, — "This is the name whereby He shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS."*"

Paul in writing to the Corinthians in chapter 1 verses 29-31, "*That no flesh should glory in his presence. 30 **But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:** 31 That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.*"

What a blessed delight to be able to call Jesus Christ, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS! Oh to God that you are able to say with great joy, Jesus Christ is my RIGHTEOUSNESS!

Let us now look at this blessed name wherein the Messiah, the son of David, the Good Shepherd, the Branch, yea our Lord and Savior is called, — Jehovah-Tsidkenu, "***THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.***"

When Jeremiah spoke this prophecy, the kingdom of Judah was about to fall. We have seen in our Sunday School introductions for the book of Jeremiah that the land of Judah was filled idolatry and rebellion along with oppression, violence, and political upheaval. The Northern kingdom of Israel had gone into captivity 100 years before and Judah seemingly learned nothing from God's judgment upon them. It was under these conditions that God gave this prophecy of Jehovah-Tsidkenu.

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The phrase, The LORD our RIGHTEOUSNESS in the Hebrew is **JEHOVAH-TSIDKENU**. Before I define this term, I purposely spent the first part of my sermon explaining to you that we have no righteousness of our own and the only righteousness we have is that which is imputed to us in salvation. I share this so that we can appreciate the term Jehovah Tsidkenu, that is, the LORD our RIGHTEOUSNESS!

The word TSIDKENU means Righteousness, Tsidkenu is derived TSEDEK which means

righteousness and is translated in various ways as, right, righteous, righteousness, just, justify, declare innocent and a simple definition of righteousness is doing that which is RIGHT! We defined righteousness earlier defined as “*That which is in accordance with high standards of **rectitude** (the quality of being straight.*” Therefore it speaks of God, because God always does that which is right because He is RIGHTEOUS! Remember Abraham asked God in Genesis 18, “...*Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?*” Deut.32:4 says, “*He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.*”

So sad that in our day we put no meaning to names, but in the Old and New Testament times a man’s name revealed something about him, and this is so true concerning our Lord. All of the names by which Christ reveals Himself in the Scriptures tell us something about His person, His offices, His work, or His relation to His people. Proverbs 22:1, “**A good name is rather to be chosen** than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.”

Again in Jeremiah 3:5 & 6 it says, “*Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. 6 In His days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and **this is His name** whereby he shall be called, **THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.**”*

Don’t you just love that last phrase, “...and this is **His name** whereby he shall be called, **THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.**”

Our great God has been pleased to reveal Himself to us by special names and each name reveals an aspect of His character. Before we get to the Jehovah names let me share these 4 important names of God and some verses that make reference about the NAME of God:

- **Elohim** = God -- Creator, Preserver, Keeper of His Covenant
- **Jehovah** = LORD -- holiness (Truth revealer), righteousness, redemption and it is His COVENANT name for His people. Jehovah/Yahweh name is also known as the LORD I AM THAT I AM both as the PROMISER and as the FULFILLER of those covenant promises. From Ex.3:14 & 15 forward He would now be known by that MEMORIAL name of I AM THAT I AM! As Jehovah God, as Yahweh, as LORD! This name ‘**LAM**’ would continue into the New Testament.
- **El-Shaddai** = Almighty God -- Our all-sufficient supply, Bestowal of power, gifts, blessings, and the one who makes us fruitful
- **Adonai** = Lord - Our Sovereign God, Owner of all.

Consider the following verses that make reference about ‘the NAME’ of God. There is something special about the name of God, whichever one we used, whether it’s simply God, Jehovah, Yahweh, El Shaddai, Jesus or Jehovah Tsidkenu, it speaks of the

importance of God's name for the purpose of knowing Him in order to trust HIM and to WORSHIP HIM! More than 900 times is the word 'NAME' used in Scripture with the overwhelming majority of that usage in reference to GOD and here are just a few!

- Moses before Pharaoh in Exodus 9:16, "*And in very deed for this cause have I raised thee up, for to shew in thee my power; and **that my name may be declared throughout all the earth.***" The application of this is in Romans 9 where it sets forth the SOVEREIGNTY of God in the grace of election, Romans 9:17, "*For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and **that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.***" And it is being declared throughout all the earth!
- Exodus 15:3, "The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name."
- Psalms 8:9, "O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!"
- Psalms 9:2, "I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High."
- Psalms 9:10, "**And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee:** for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee."
- Psalm 29:2, David says, "**Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name;** worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."
- Psalms 34:3, "O magnify the LORD with me, and **let us exalt his name together.**"
- Psalms 96:2, "Sing unto the LORD, **bless his name;** shew forth his salvation from day to day."
- Psalms 99:3, "**Let them praise thy great and terrible name; for it is holy.**"
- Psalms 113:3, "From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the LORD'S name is to be praised."
- Psalms 115:1, "Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, **but unto thy name give glory,** for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake."
- Psalms 124:8, "**Our help is in the name of the LORD,** who made heaven and earth."
- Psalms 135:13, "**Thy name, O LORD, endureth for ever;** and thy memorial, O LORD, throughout all generations."
- Proverbs 18:10, "**The name of the LORD is a strong tower:** the righteous runneth into it, and is safe."
- Jeremiah 23:6, "In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: **and this is his name whereby he shall be called,** THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS."
- Jeremiah 32:18, "Thou shewest lovingkindness unto thousands, and recompensest the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them: **the Great, the Mighty God, the LORD of hosts, is his name.**"
- Matthew 1:21, "And she shall bring forth a son, and **thou shalt call his name JESUS:** for he shall save his people from their sins."
- Matthew 1:23, "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, **and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.**"
- Acts 2:21, "And it shall come to pass, that **whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**"
- Acts 2:38, "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you **in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins,** and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

- Acts 4:12, “Neither is there salvation in any other: **for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**”
- To the Church of Philadelphia in Revelation 3:8, “I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and **hast not denied my name.**”
- Revelation 19:13, “And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and **his name is called The Word of God.**”
- Revelation 19:16, “And he hath on his vesture and on **his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.**”

Again, there is something special about the name of God, whichever one we used, whether it's simply God, Jehovah, Yahweh, El Shaddai, Jesus or Jehovah Tsidkenu, it speaks of the importance of God's name for the purpose of knowing Him in order to trust HIM and to WORSHIP HIM!

Let me conclude with the 10 Jehovah names: (The following is copied)

“THE FOLLOWING ARE TEN JEHOVAH NAMES:

God's name is the revelation of His character. Here are ten names by which the Lord Jesus Christ, our God and Savior reveals His character to us. May God the Holy Spirit cause us to know His name and put our trust in Him!

1. **JEHOVAH-HOSEENU** — “The Lord Our Maker” (Psalm 95:6) He who is the Lord our Maker, not only made us, He has made us His people (1 Samuel 2:22).
2. **JEHOVAH-JIREH**: — *The Lord Will Provide* (Genesis 22:14). This is a good description of our Lord's character. He has provided for His people everything necessary to secure our everlasting salvation (1 Corinthians 1:31; Ephesians 1:3). In Christ Jesus there is nothing lacking (Philippians 4:19; Romans 8:32). Thank God He has provided RIGHTEOUSNESS for us to be able to approach HIM!
3. **JEHOVAH-RAPHA**: — *The Lord That Healeth Thee* (Exodus 15:26). How suitable is this name to describe the Lord Jesus Christ in taking our sins to Himself and making atonement for them. Isaiah said, “*With His stripes we are healed*” (Isaiah 53:5; Isaiah 61:1-3; Psalm 103:1-4).
4. **JEHOVAH-NISSI**: — *The Lord Our Banner* (Exodus 17:15). The Lord's banner over His people is the victorious Gospel of Christ (Romans 1:16). We fight the fight of faith under His direction (2 Timothy 4:7; Mark 16:15). We stand in defense of His truth by His grace (Philippians 1:17, 27). God help us to hold up the banner of the Gospel of God (Romans 1:1-3) and to earnestly contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints (Jude 1:3).
5. **JEHOVAH-M'KADDESH**: — “The Lord That Doth Sanctify You” (Exodus 31:13-14). Sabbath observance was a declaration that the sanctification or salvation of a sinner is

altogether the work of God (Leviticus 20:7-8). It is our salvation by God's grace alone that inspires our obedience to him and causes us to set ourselves apart to his service, His will, and His glory.

6. **JEHOVAH-SHALOM**: — *The Lord Our Peace* (Judges 6:24). Our Lord Jesus Christ made perfect and eternal peace with God through His precious blood atonement (Colossians 1:20; 1 Peter 1:18-20). There is no condemnation in Him (Romans 5:1; 8:1, 31-35) but everlasting reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:17-21).

7. **JEHOVAH-RAHA (ROIY)**: — *The Lord My Shepherd* (Psalm 23). Our Lord is called the Good Shepherd (John 10:11), the Chief Shepherd (1 Peter 5:4) and the Great Shepherd (Hebrews 13:20). Truly, this is a fitting name for such a great God and Savior, Who justified and redeemed all His sheep from all their sins and presents them before God faultless (Matthew 1:21; Colossians 1:22; Jude 1:24).

8. **JEHOVAH-SHAMMAH**: — *The Lord Is There* (Ezekiel 48:35). We preached on this a few weeks ago. The Lord our God has eternally promised that He would justly redeem His church (Romans 3:24-26). Let us never entertain any concept that God, Who saved us, would one day abandon or forsake us (John 10:27-30). God has promised never to leave His church (Hebrews 13:5; Matthew 28:20; Jude 1:24-25). Christ speaking of Himself in Matthew 16:18 says, "...upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." God saves His people with everlasting salvation (Isaiah 45:17; Hebrews 7:25; Revelation 21:1-6). — Find a believer — The Lord is there! Find a true Gospel Church — The Lord is there! Find Heaven — The Lord is there!

9. **JEHOVAH-JESUS** — *"The Lord Will Save"* (Matthew 1:21). He who is the incarnate God has a people in this world. They were His people long before He came into the world. These people were given to Him in eternity by His Father. He came here specifically to save His people; and save them He shall. — Everyone of them!

10. But, among all the names by which our Savior reveals Himself to us, there is none more sweet, comforting, and delightful than this — **JEHOVAH-TSIDKENU**: — *"THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS"* (Jeremiah 23:6). It is established in Scripture that we cannot produce any acceptable righteousness of our own (Isaiah 64:6; Romans 3:9-20). The only hope any sinner has is the Lord Jesus Christ. He perfectly obeyed and honored God's holy law as the believer's Substitute (Isaiah 42:21; Philippians 3:7-9), thereby freely and sovereignly justifying His people, making us the very righteousness of God in Him (Romans 4:1-8; Acts 13:38-39)." (End of copied material)

Do you know anything of this? Or are the names of God just words and names or are they precious unto you? This is the aspect of that special relationship with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, that is, believing in Him is not just words or feelings, but a reality that changes your whole life, because your heart has been changed by God. So we ask again,

do you know anything of this?

Again, "...and this *is* **His name** whereby he shall be called, **THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.**" Do you know Him by that NAME? Do you know Him as JEHOVAH-RAHA (ROIY)? The LORD is my SHEPHERD! Do you know Him as your Shepherd? Jesus Christ says in John 10:11, "*I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.*" Our Lord is called the GOOD SHEPHERD, the CHIEF SHEPHERD, the GREAT SHEPHERD and the SHEPHERD and BISHOP OF OUR SOUL! John 10:14 & 27 says, "*I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. 27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.*" Do you know anything of this? If not, it could be because of what Christ said in John 10:26, "*But **ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep**, as I said unto you.*"

Our Lord Jesus Christ is again, JEHOVAH-TSIDKENU, the LORD our RIGHTEOUSNESS, as one has said this means, "*It means that Jesus Christ is the incarnation of the law. He is righteousness embodied. — Christ in His life was so righteous, that we may say of His whole life, that it is righteousness itself. Christ Jesus lived out the law of God perfectly. While we see God's law written in stone upon Sinai, we see it embodied in the person of His Son.*"

Again, in Adam we are lost and ruined by the imputation of his sin to us and we are all born into this life SINNERS! Our only HOPE is found in Christ JESUS! Christ and Christ alone is all our RIGHTEOUSNESS! The one who gave the LAW is the SAME ONE who has OBEYED the LAW in our STEAD and HIS OBEDIENCE is all SUFFICIENT for SATISFACTION before GOD!

It was in HIS DEATH that our sin was imputed to HIM and in like manner HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS is IMPUTED to US! This is why I LOVE the NAME of JESUS CHRIST as JEHOVAH-TSIDKENU, the LORD our RIGHTEOUSNESS!

Jesus Christ made an end of sins and He made reconciliation for us, because of our transgressions and brought in an everlasting righteousness as the LORD our RIGHTEOUSNESS!

2 Cor.5:21, "*For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; **that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.***"

Oh dear sinner friends who are yet outside Christ this morning make use of this precious name of Christ, for He is the righteousness for salvation, so call upon Him this morning, call upon His name to be saved, I encourage you to call upon this blessed SAVIOR by His HOLY NAME, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS! Remember dear sinner friend, you have no righteousness of your own, you cannot do anything to produce any righteousness as a matter of fact we are told in Isaiah 64:6 & 7, "*But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. 7 And there is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of*

thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.” Oh I plead with you this morning confess your sinfulness before God and repent from you sins and believe in the Lord Jesus and claim the righteousness that is only by faith, call upon HIM by this name: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS!

Romans 9:10-13, *“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. (10) For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (11) For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. (12) For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. (13) For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”* Is there a poor sinner among us who is broken over sin and longs to be righteous? It is by Jesus Christ alone: As one writer says,

“Now, subdued by sovereign grace,
My spirit longs for His embrace;
My beauty this, my glorious dress,
Jesus, ‘*THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.*’”

The same writer continues: “We call Him the Lord our Righteousness, **because we have experienced His righteousness**. — We have proved that it is true.

- What peace, joy, and comfort flooded our souls when first we called Him Christ our Righteousness.
- We are reconciled to God, because Christ is our Righteousness.
- We enjoy the adoption of sons, because Christ is our Righteousness.
- We have access to the Father, because Christ is our Righteousness.
- We have the confident hope of heaven, because Christ is our Righteousness.

Let every heaven born soul now call the Savior by this joyful name — “THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS!” The seraphs sing, *“Holy, Holy, Holy.”* But we have a higher note of praise. We say, “Yes, He is thrice holy. And He is Jehovah-Tsidkenu — *“THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS!”*”

Isaiah 45:22 says, *“Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.”*

If you call upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ this morning you can experience the blessings of Isaiah 61:10, **“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.”** Therefore, Jeremiah 23:5-6 *“Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. 6 In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.”* Call upon JEHOVAH-TSIDKENU, the LORD our RIGHTEOUSNESS for salvation! Those of us who are saved we greatly rejoice in the LORD our GOD. Let’s PRAY and Sing Isa.61:10