

What makes God so righteous?

Dictionaries define righteousness as “behavior that is morally justifiable or right.”

The Greek New Testament word for “righteousness” primarily describes conduct in relation to others, especially with regards to the rights of others in business, in legal matters, and beginning with relationship to God. Psalm 33:18–22

In the broadest sense, righteousness can be defined as “the condition of being acceptable to God as made possible by God.”

The bad news is that true and perfect righteousness is not possible for man to attain on his own; the standard is simply too high. Philippians 3:12-16

The good news is that true righteousness is possible for mankind, but only through the cleansing of sin by Jesus Christ and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. *Titus 3:5*

We have no ability to achieve righteousness in and of ourselves. But Christians possess the righteousness of Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:21,

This is an amazing truth. On the cross, Jesus exchanged our sin for His perfect righteousness so that we can one day stand before God and He will see not our sin, but the holy righteousness of the Lord Jesus. 1 John 3:2-3.

What does it mean to pursue righteousness?

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No amount of man-made effort will result in righteousness. To be righteous is to be right with God. A heart that is right with God results in a life that bears “fruit” John 15:1–2;
Mark 4:20. Galatians 5:22-23