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I've been teaching verse by verse through the book of Romans on my Gospel *Truth* TV show since July. Romans is powerful, and I'm excited to continue teaching on it this month. In last month's newsletter. I talked about how Romans is Paul's masterpiece on grace. Understanding grace and all that Jesus provided for you is one of the most important aspects of receiving from God. This month, I'm focusing on righteousness as explained in Romans. When you discern the righteousness you have in Jesus, it will change your life; but sad to say, most believers just don't get it.

Many people cannot grasp the righteousness we have through Jesus because they are holding onto religious doctrines. Jesus told us in Mark 7:13 that the traditions of men make the Word of God of no effect. And this is exactly what has happened.

That's why we need to understand Romans 5:12–21, which counters the religious mindset. Romans 5:15 in particular says:

"If through the offence of one many be dead...much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many."

The Lord spoke to me about these verses and said, "It's like a coin, and if you accept that one side of the coin is real, well then the other side has to be genuine as well." We are righteous through what Jesus did for us and not what we do for Him. Whether you feel it or not, this is what the Word of God says. If you're going to accept that you became a sinner through Adam, then you have to accept that you became righteous through Jesus—not through

what you do. Praise God; this is huge! Yet, many Christians do not approach God with an understanding of their righteousness.

A story comes to my mind that exemplifies many people's wrong mindset on righteousness. Back before I was married, I had a dog named Honey. She was a big dog, and I got her to be a watchdog for my mother while I was in Vietnam. When I returned home from the war, I found out that someone had beaten the dog with a chain before I got her. So, although Honey was really friendly to me, when she would come running across the yard to me, she would always stop several feet away, fall down, slowly scoot up to me, and whimper like I was going to beat her. I'd never beaten this dog, but because of the abuse she received from the previous owner, that was how she related to me.

So, one day, I got frustrated with this dog. I got mad (and it's hard to

get mad at a dog named Honey) and said, "Honey, just one time, I would like you to run up to me like a normal dog and like I'm not going to beat you." And as I was saying this, the Lord spoke to me and said, "Andrew, that's exactly the way I feel about you. Just one time, I would like you to come into My presence and instead of talking about how sorry you are, what a terrible person you are, and how you're a sinner confessing all your faults, why don't you come in praising Me for loving you and act like you're forgiven?" That was a great illustration for me.

Some of you, without realizing it, have developed sin consciousness. Every time you approach the Lord, you focus on all your failures and how you're unworthy and you start condemning yourself. Yet, Hebrews 10:2 says that we "should have no more conscience of sin."

If all you do is focus on your unworthiness, you are never going to be able to receive the love that God wants you to have. If you've made Jesus your Lord, you're born again and are a brand-new person. God now relates to you not on the basis of what you have done, but on the basis of what Jesus did. All you have to do is receive it by faith.

Because we were born sinners, we do sin. However, those individual sins are not what make us sinners: it's our sin nature that makes us sinners. Sin is a byproduct of being born with the sin nature we inherited from Adam. In the same way, I have now been made righteous through Jesus. Yes, I do good things, but these good things are a byproduct of being made righteous. They do not make me righteous in the sight of God.

Romans 5:16 goes on to say,

"And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification."

Again, this is saying that we all became sinners through what Adam and Eve did, but we're justified, not because we do everything right, but because we put our faith in Jesus. Jesus' holiness makes me holy, not my holiness. My holiness is a fruit, not the root of my relationship with God.

A logical question that arises is, "So because of grace, being righteous, and God not giving me what I deserve, can I just go live in sin?" I wish I had the space to get into Romans 6, which answers this question. So, I encourage you to get my full teaching on Romans, which I'm offering as part of a special package that includes your choice of either my CD or DVD teaching on Romans, my new hardcover book on Romans, our two Grace Encounters DVDs, and my Living Commentary electronic study Bible with my notes on over 25,000 scriptures.

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Racquel Hudson was raised in a Christian home and lived her early years full of life. She excelled at sports, ballet, and academics.

However, at the age of seventeen, Racquel developed symptoms of lupus, an autoimmune disorder that causes inflammation and severe pain. She managed her symptoms with medication and continued with life. A few years later, she met and married her husband, Herman, with dreams of marital bliss.

But things took a sudden, unexpected turn on their wedding night when Racquel started experiencing aggressive symptoms of lupus. This would lead to a nine-year journey of treatments, dialysis, and even chemotherapy—all to no avail.

Her debilitating condition caused severe fevers, extreme fatigue, arthritic symptoms, neuropathy, bone decay, hip replacement, kidney failure, and one of the most severe cases of shingles ever seen for her age. Unable to urinate or eat, her situation looked hopeless. The doctors were confounded and wanted to prepare her family for her death.

However, the tide began to turn when Racquel's parents introduced her and Herman to Andrew Wommack's teachings.

Herman began watching Andrew and couldn't stop. He soon discovered the Healing Journey of Niki Ochenski, who had also been healed of an autoimmune disease. It immediately struck a chord. "Some of those things [she went through] were exactly what my wife was going through," Herman says, "And I was like, if she can do it, we can do it!"

Realizing they needed to learn more, Herman and Racquel moved to Colorado to attend Charis Bible College. But it wasn't smooth sailing. After the first semester of school, Racquel got so sick, they had to stop. Nevertheless, they remained plugged into Charis teachings and the revelation that Jesus had already paid for Racquel's healing.

At an appointment with a cardiologist, they received devastating

news: Racquel's heart was failing from years of her not eating, and she would need a heart transplant in three months. Determined not to have the transplant, Racquel put action to her faith and began to eat.

At her follow-up appointment three months later, the cardiologist was astounded-Racquel's heart was healed! She continued gaining strength and subsequently received all-round healing.

Racquel and Herman went on to complete their studies at Charis and graduated in 2017. They are now actively involved in ministry and share their testimony everywhere they go.

Racquel says, "We're able to touch others. . . to let our lights shine because of what we learned at Charis. ..... Getting a revelation of these foundational truths affects every area of your life."

Herman agrees, "From her health to our finances, every aspect of our lives has been nothing but phenomenal since we came out and sat under these revelations that Andrew's been talking about since the seventies."

Racquel has since led worship at many of Andrew's conferences. She often sings "Every praise is to our God!" knowing that she wasn't expected to live . . . but God!

Visit **awmi.net/RacquelsHealing** to watch Racquel's miraculous Healing Journey.





Do vou remember when the second lockdown was announced by the government? I remember vividly. It was the 18th of June, 2021. This was such a rude shock for many and the least thing to expect, although there were rumors that it was coming. I just couldn't take it in. It was now time to work from home. What was that supposed to look like? The fear of the unknown started creeping in.

"How long will the lockdown last was the question I asked myself?" "Will I remain relevant at work even during the lockdown?" "Will things remain the same when the lockdown is lifted?" These and many other questions ran through my mind. I was inquiring to get an answer to the unknown.

Well, the first week went much better than I envisaged. I was able to work from home as this was not the first time the country was experiencing a lockdown. I must confess, with all the disruptions, keeping up with the online experience isn't the easiest thing to do especially in a continent where data seems to be a big deal for many. I knew I would accomplish much more while at office if the roads were made wide open, but what can I do?

Innovation, they say is the currency for the post-Covid era. One day, I realized I could actually walk to the office. That night, I slept much earlier since I knew I had to wake up early the next day so that I reach the office as fast as I could.

Wow, it's already dawn; I began to prepare for the "great trek." I walked all the way to the office with excitement not minding the bottlenecks all around put in place by the security forces.

Most times, I and my colleagues had to maneuver using routes just to avoid the roadblocks. Just like an expedition, my feelings were mixed; on one hand it wasn't palatable, on the other hand they were moments to be cherished and relived. The truth is we saved cost in every way possible.

The consciousness that I was not alone motivated me to always trek. I became a 'trekker', like the name of a sandals produced some years back when I was a little younger. I think the manufacturers of such sandals didn't predict Covid-19 was coming to hit the world and there would be a lockdown, otherwise, this was the best time for them to sell such a foot wear.

Anyways, most of my friends and colleagues who went through the same ordeal had to ride a motorcycle with special permits to allow them access the road. One of them had to use his salary to purchase a bicycle to avoid the great trek he began at the very beginning of the lockdown. Interestingly, the conversations on the streets were "if you stay at home, hunger will kill you before Covid - 19 does."

During the forty-two days, one of my superiors in the office had to travel from a far distance riding a bicycle to the office just to carry out some urgent tasks. It was funny to see him riding a bicycle. The challenge came for him when it would require a lot of energy to cycle uphill. Along the way, he would buy a sugarcane to chew to regain his energy. But the fact remained that by the time he reached home to be with his beloved wife and child, he was tired and hungry. This was no joke. The prayer was "O God open up the country."

As I write this, the situation has improved a lot better, although not entirely. Taxis and boda – bodas are now able to move freely until curfew time. On all the episodes that occurred, here are a few nuggets that we can garner.

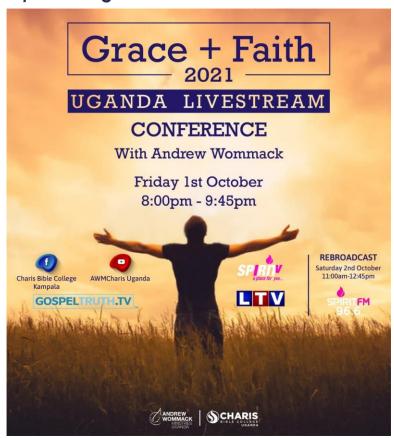
- We should look unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:2.
- If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small. I love how the Message version renders it: "If you fall to pieces in a crisis, there wasn't much to you in the first place." Proverbs 24:10.
- Leaders flourish in times of crisis –
   Andrew Wommack
- The key to success in the kingdom of God is singleness of vision – Andrew Wommack
- We can prosper in every time and season, for the word of God works in all seasons – Rich Kanyali
- Change is inevitable. Growth is optional
   John Maxwell

Overall, there is no doubt that the world is evolving so rapidly without our permission. All we need to do is to learn to adapt. Adaptability is a skill that will make us relevant in the times that we are in. Dr Spencer, the author of *Who Moved My Cheese?* puts it succinctly when he said;

"Change is happening everywhere and you will do better when you can adjust to it quickly."



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