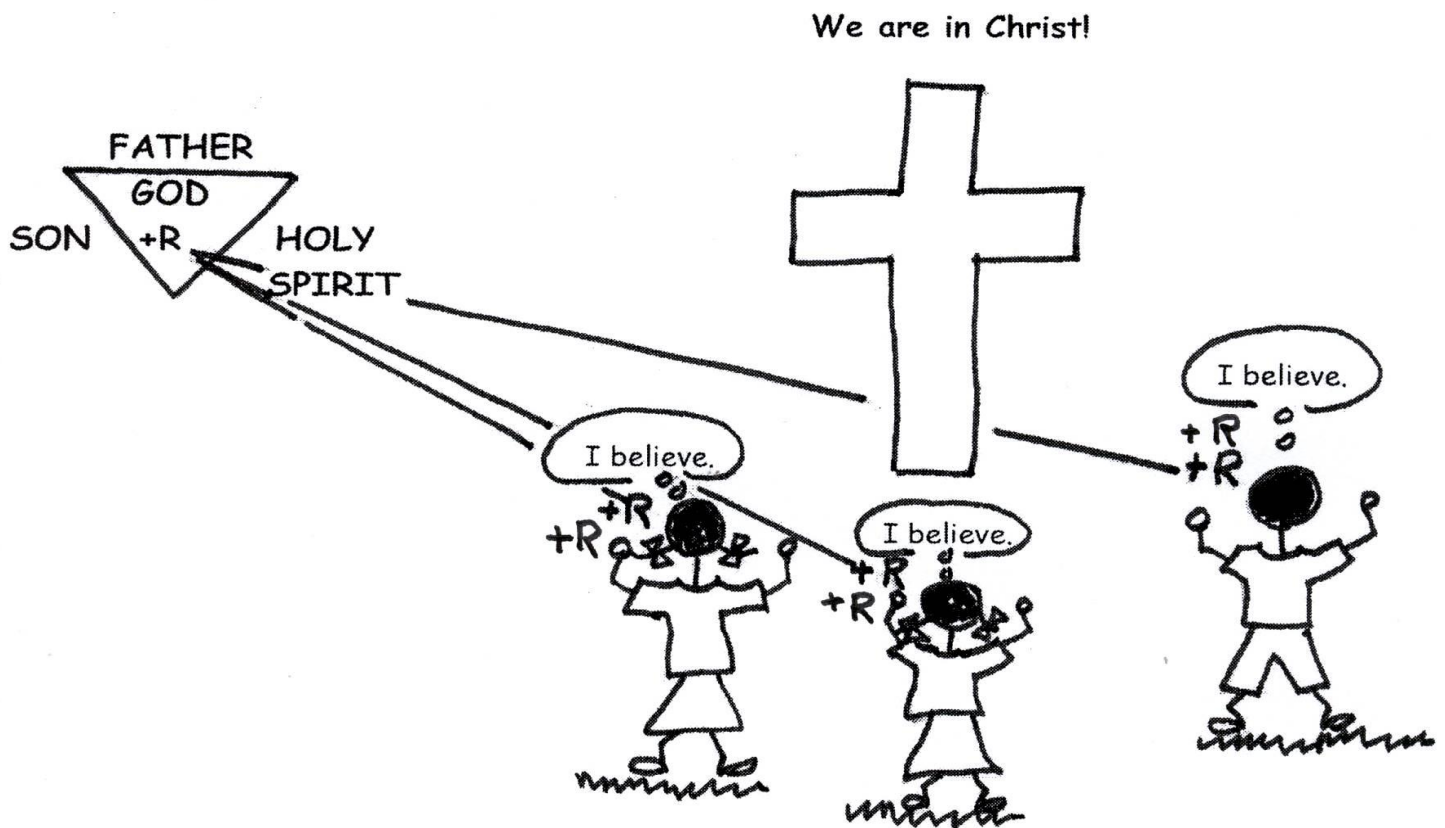


God's Righteousness
Comforts
Us

As believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, we have the best comfort possible. We have been given God's very own righteousness, or +R! We share in the Father's +R through our belief in Jesus Christ as our Savior. We share in Jesus Christ's +R because we are in union with Him through the baptism of God the Holy Spirit.*

*Go to allboardgodstrain.org and read *My Position In Christ God's Righteousness In Me*.



2 Corinthians 5:21 He [God the Father] made Him Who knew no sin to be sin [a sin offering] on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in [by means of] Him.

Sharing in Jesus Christ's +R means we are in Jesus Christ's royal family and we share His inheritance! It doesn't mean we get more righteousness. Once we have God the Father's +R, we have complete righteousness. We have to learn, believe and use Bible doctrine so we can experience that +R. Believers in every dispensation have +R. However, only the Church Age believers are in the Royal Family of Jesus Christ and share His inheritance. What a blessing!



1 Peter 1:3-5 Blessed [worthy of praise and glorification] be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain

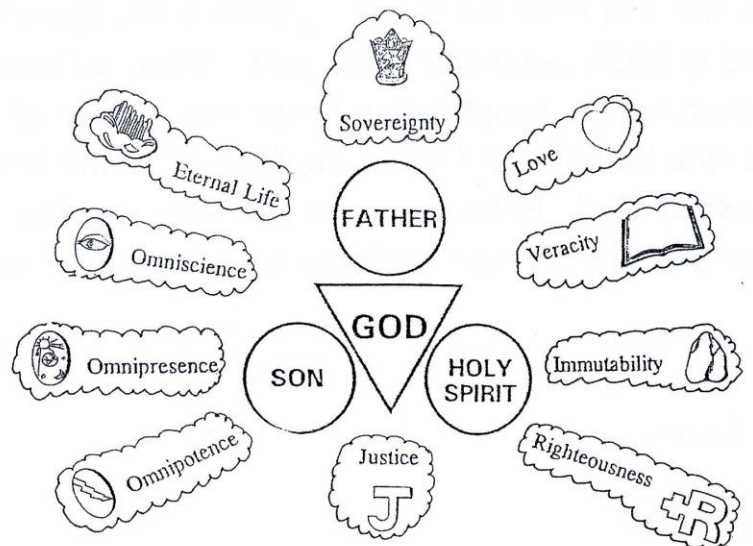


an inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation [deliverance] ready to be revealed in the last time.

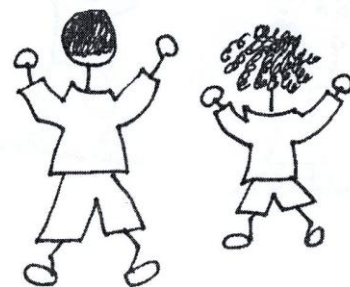
God's righteousness, which formerly was spelled "rightwiseness", is His quality of always being right or just. He always does a right thing in a right way. He is always completely fair! He always acts according to His perfect nature*. God always keeps His promises! In our relationship with God, He shares His perfect +R with us! We will always have it! He has perfect wisdom and wants us to share in that wisdom through His word, Bible doctrine. He wants us to experience His "rightwiseness". What comfort!

*Go to allboardgodstrain.org and read *Our God Is An Awesome God*.

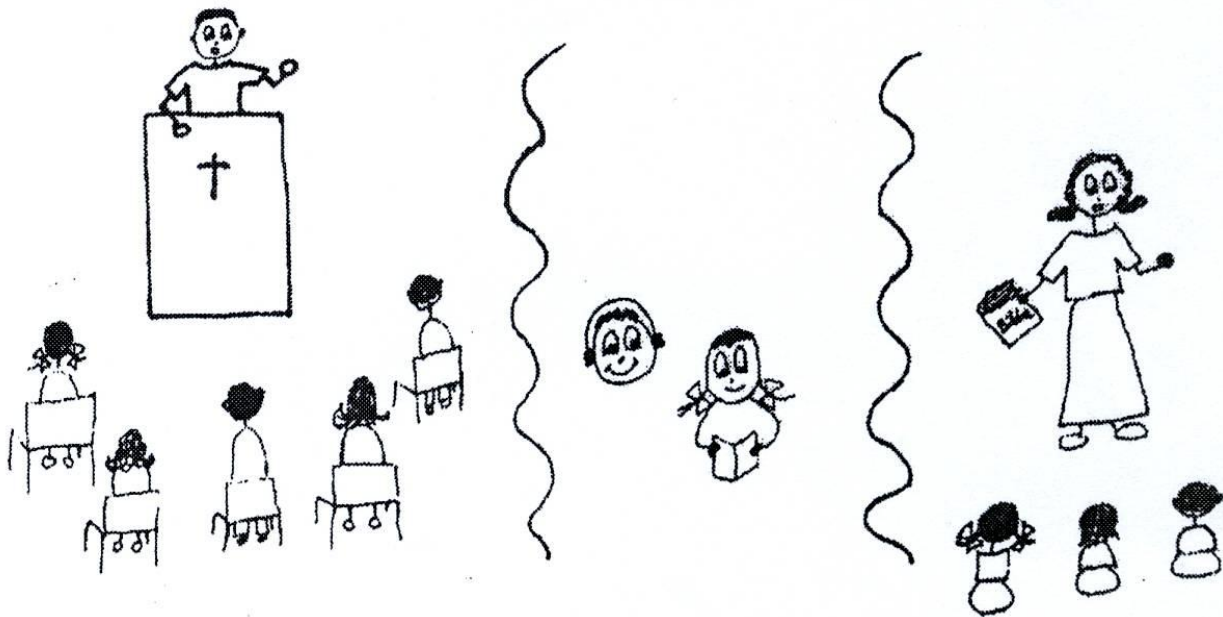
Romans 3:25-26 Whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. *This was* to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance [patience] of God He passed over the sins previously committed; for the demonstration, *I say*, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be [seen] just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.



Our God is an awesome God!



God's +R includes whatever He has chosen to be known and obeyed by man. What God has chosen for man to know and obey is in the Bible! It is the thinking of Christ! Therefore, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we have to learn, believe and use Bible doctrine daily! It is the only way we will experience God's +R! We are not to struggle with our ways, but surrender to God's ways. His ways are right and just. God wants us to use His righteousness. God wants to comfort us!



2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

Isaiah 55:8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are you ways My ways," declares the Lord.

We definitely have God's righteousness at salvation. The kingdom of darkness doesn't want us to know and experience God's +R. It wants us to live in our own self-righteousness, or -R. It doesn't want us to be comfortable with God! Once we know and experience God's right way of doing things, we will want to know and experience it more and more! When we slip into our own -R we won't be comforted. We'll want to get back into the comfort of God's +R! The solution is rebound* and continue to learn God's word. Then He will make sure that we experience His righteousness!

*Go to allaboardgodstrain.org and read *Problem Solving Device #1 - Rebound*.



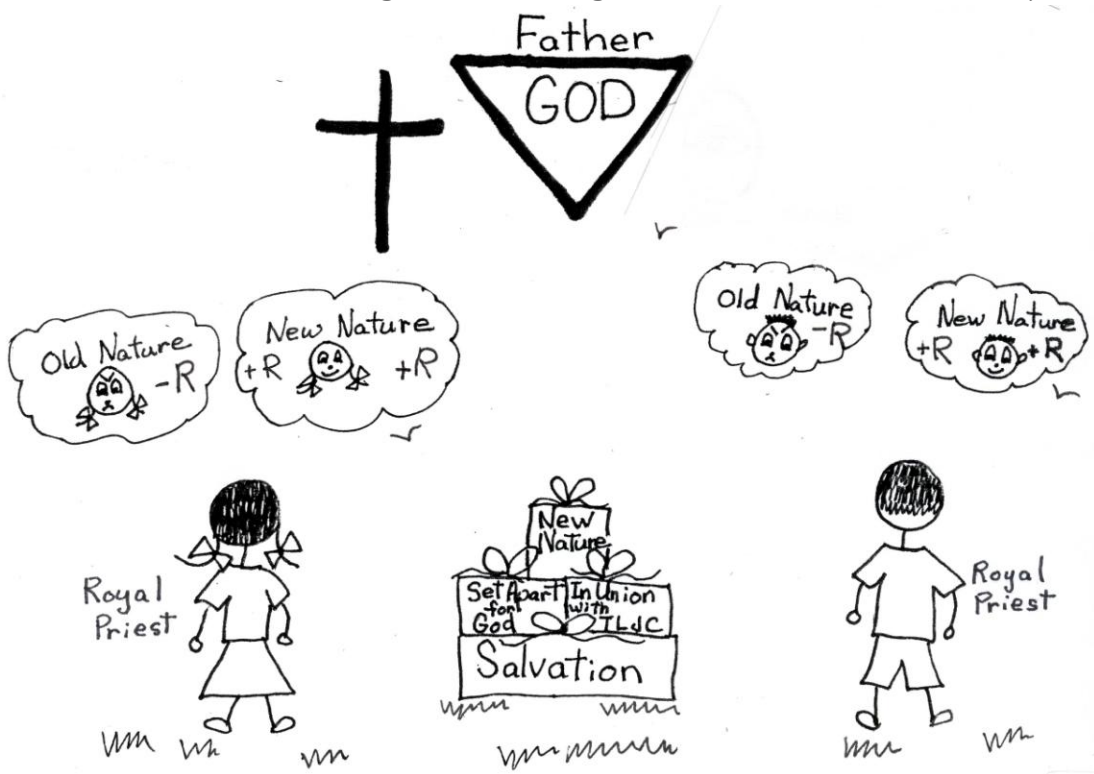
1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins [privately to God the Father], He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Matthew 5:6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

The gift of God's +R allows us to have a good relationship with God and good relationships with people. We can have personal love for God and impersonal love for people. God first loved us so we could love Him. As we grow in our love for Him and have comfort in His +R, we can have impersonal love for others. We have to have impersonal love to truly be able to have personal love for others.* When we see how God sees us in our new nature** with His +R, it is easier for us to see others and ourselves in that way. We learn to see the +R instead of the -R! With the power of the Holy Spirit and Bible doctrine we can experience the good relationships God wants us to have!

*Go to allaboardgodstrain.org and read *Fruit of the Spirit, Love and Problem*

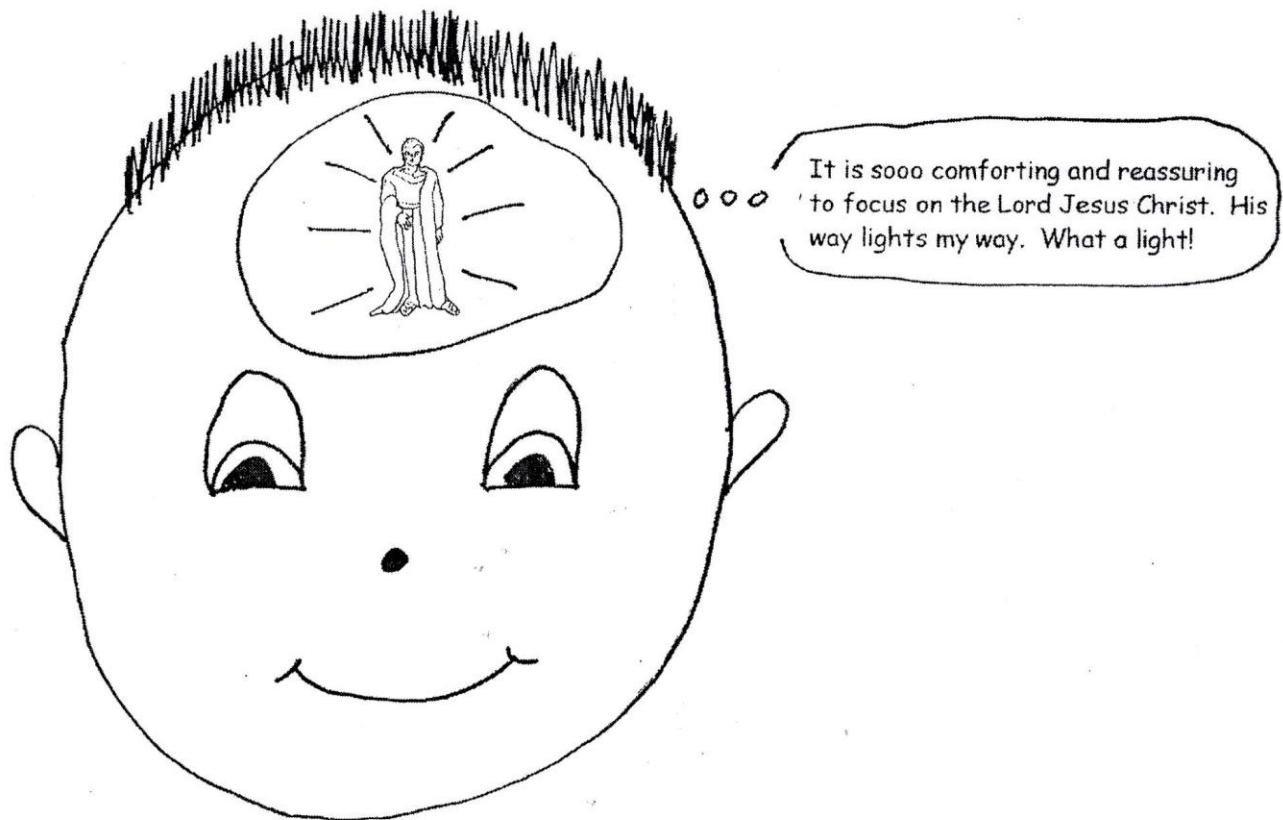
*Solving Devices #7 and #8. **Read Newness of Life in Christ.*



1 John 4:19 We love because He first loved us.

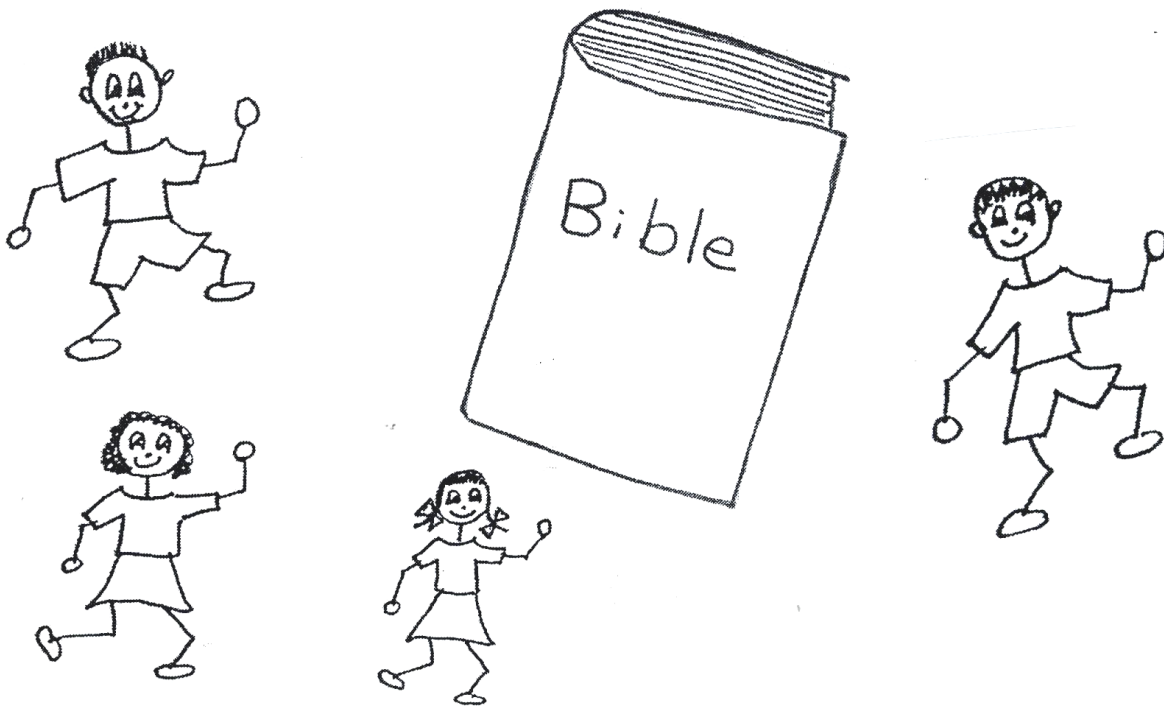
Philippians 1:6 *For I am confident of this very thing, that He [God the Father through the power of the Holy Spirit] Who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.*

Jesus Christ is the Light of the world. We are to walk in that Light through the power of the Holy Spirit and Bible doctrine. Bible doctrine is the thinking of Jesus Christ. When we walk in the Light we are living our lives in the truth of Jesus Christ's thinking. We are not walking in the darkness of the cosmic system. The Light will shine through us to show others the thinking, grace and glory of God! Then they can come to know His +R and be comforted in it!



John 8:12 Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."

When we sin we are choosing our own self-righteousness or -R. It is like choosing to live in a garbage dump! It may have a pretty entrance, but the dump is ugly! Sin may be fun for a little while, but being out of fellowship with God is ugly!!! God wants His best for us and we can get that by living in His +R. We can experience God's +R by obeying, through the power of the Holy Spirit, what God has told us in the Bible!



1 Corinthians 2:9 But just as it is written, "THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND *which* HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM."

Matthew 3:15 But Jesus answering said to him, "Permit *it* [John the Baptist to baptize Jesus] at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness [obey God's will]."

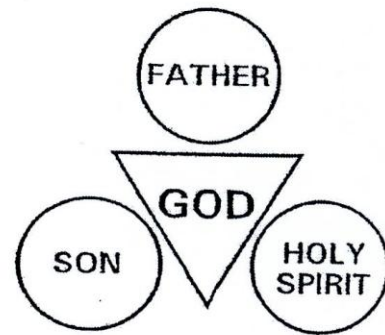
Sometimes we get nervous because of certain situations in our lives. We think we have to do something to help God. We are lying to ourselves! Also, Satan spreads the lie that we need to work first and then we'll get righteousness. Wrong! We don't have to work for righteousness. In fact, we can't. God gave us His +R at salvation! We need to experience God's +R, not our -R. We, in our -R, get entangled in the details of life. When we are living in God's +R, we are untangled and doing right things in right ways according to God's word, truth! God is in control! God's word protects us! It protects our minds! Ahh, comfort once again!

Matthew 6:25-32, Read.



Matthew 6:33 But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

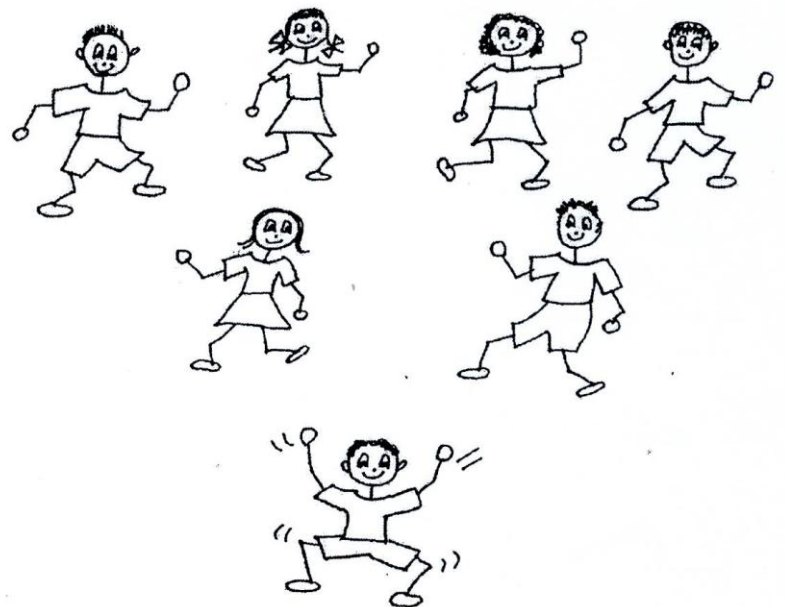
We must always remember that God will never abandon us! We have His righteousness. He certainly is not going to ignore His +R! He will never condemn us. We are in union with Christ Jesus, in His royal family and we share His inheritance! There is no condemnation for those in Him! God gave us everything we need to experience His +R and receive His comfort. We must have complete faith and trust in God that He will complete the good work He started in us. We must let God's righteousness comfort us!



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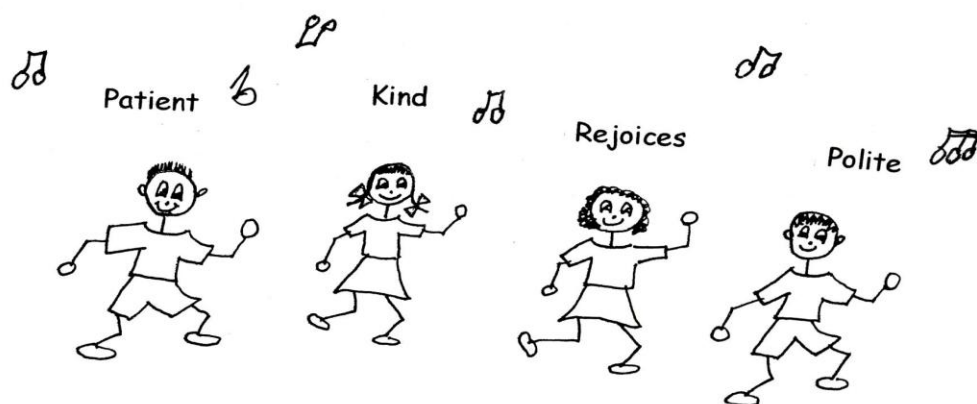
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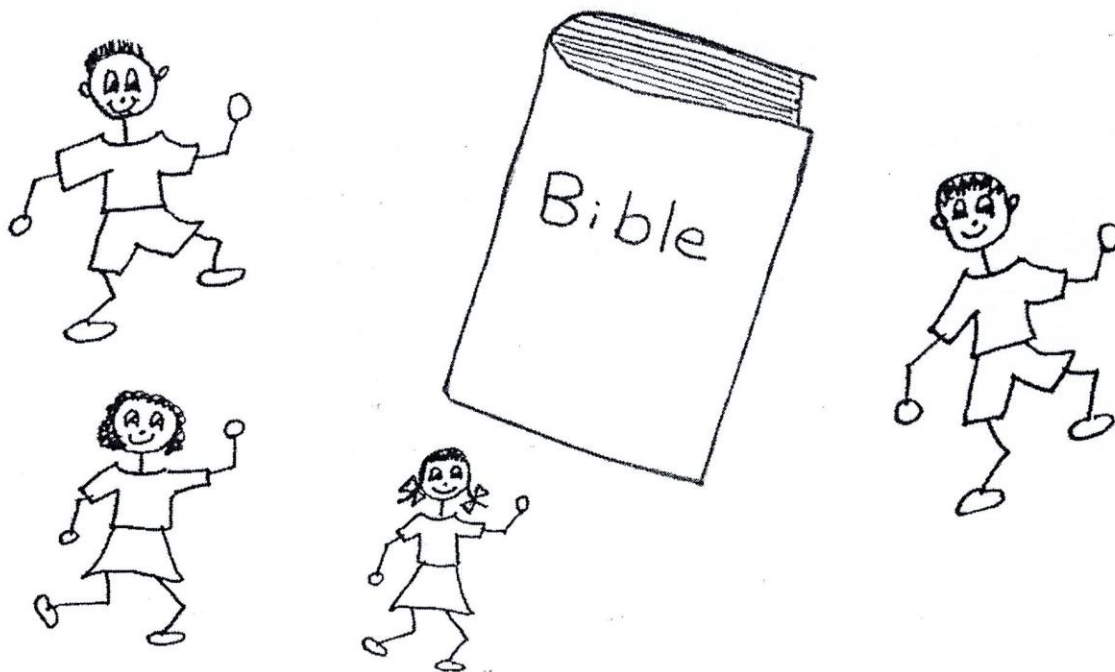
Points to Remember

1. Believers in the Lord Jesus Christ have been given the +R of God the Father.
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Questions for Discussion

1. How do we get the righteousness of God the Father?
2. What does it mean to have the righteousness of Jesus Christ?
3. What is God the Father's righteousness?
4. How do we get to experience God's +R?
5. How does the kingdom of darkness want us to live?
6. How does God see believers?
7. Why is it comforting to know that believers have God's +R?
8. What does it mean when we say we are walking in the Light?
9. What are we living in when we let the details of life bother us?
10. What do we need to do when we sin?
11. Can we do good works to gain righteousness?
12. Why will God never abandon us?



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