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## LSC Family: Class 2 Righteousness Through Grace and Justice

**Your journey at Life Song Church is up to you whether you take one step or all five.**

Step 1. Come as you are, whenever you want.

Step 2. Coming on a regular basis, giving support, helping out with events.

Step 3. Get involved by joining a TEAM: Hospitality, Childrens, Ushers, Safety, Connections, A/V, Praise.

Step 4. Get planted, walk in love making a commitment to be part of our LSC Family (Familyship).

Step 5. Step into Leadership.

**Family Class 1: Love is Commitment.** The #1 way people will know we are His disciples is if we have love one for another. At LSC, we love people right where they are at, believing the Holy Spirit will change our hearts as He draws us into His righteousness through grace.

220 times the word “righteousness” is mentioned in the OT and 95 times in the NT. The OT helps us to better understand God’s NT grace, how it relates to His justice, and how grace and justice work together to form His righteousness. Once we give our life to Christ, we are justified and found “not guilty.”

**\*Righteousness:** Strong’s #1343, *dikaosune* (dik-ah-yos-oo-nay), just, the quality of being right. Broadly, the word suggests conformity to the revealed will of God in all respects. It is both **judicial and gracious**, \*W/W SFLB. Righteousness is like an arrow with the head being grace and mercy, the shaft being justice and judgment, and the feathers (quill) being the wings of angels. Perhaps a better analogy is righteousness as a two-edged sword with one side being grace and mercy and the other justice and judgment. If we don’t accept His grace and mercy through the shed blood of Jesus Christ, justice and judgment will follow. Walking in righteousness is being obedient to the will of God. As soon as we give our life to our Lord, our spirit is made 100% righteous, but now we must learn how to allow His righteousness to **flow through us** by making the right choices. His righteousness is a gift, we can not earn it.

**\*Just:** Strong’s #1342 *dikaos* (dik-ah-yoss); upright, blameless, **righteous**, conforming to God’s laws and man’s. Aligns to the divine standard of right made possible through justification and sanctification, \*W/W SFLB.

**\*Grace:** Strong’s # 5485 *charis* (khar-ece), from *chara* “joy” and *chaira* “to rejoice.” Unmerited favor and underserved blessings, a free gift from God. Grace is not only our free gift of salvation, but it is also the power-word describing the Holy Spirit’s operational means. Grace is a **force** as well as a **favor**, being a verb as well as a noun, \*W/W SFLB. Grace is the power to overcome sin, not the power to live with it. God’s grace is a power, a force from the Holy Spirit. Grace gives us the power to shut the door on sin and never open it again!.

**Phil 1:9-11** *And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, 10 that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, 11 being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.*

Paul is praying for the Philippians that their life style and the choices they make will not cause others to stumble or be offended. **Through love abounding in us**, we bring forth the fruits of righteousness. This is **walking in the Spirit**. The fruits of righteousness are very similar to the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

**Gal 5:22-26** *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. 24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.*

The Scriptures give us **instruction in righteousness** in order to make us complete, implying we are “doers” of the Word of God, not hearers only.

**2 Tim 3:16-17** *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

**Obedience** to Jesus and His Word is a reflection of God's grace in us, which manifests His righteousness. Knowing who we are in Christ gives us great hope in the power of His grace.

**1 Peter 1:13-16** *Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; 14 as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; 15 but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."*

**John 16:8-11** *And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.*

When we repent of our sins and plead the blood of Jesus Christ, we are judged and found "not guilty."

**God created us male or female and God created marriage for a XX female and a XY male to become one flesh.**

**Mark 10:6-9** *But from the beginning of the creation, God 'made them male and female.' 7 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, 8 and the two shall become one flesh'; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh. 9 Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."*

Women have two X chromosomes and men have X and Y chromosomes. According to science, there are only two options, male or female. Gender dysphoria is a term that describes a person who is very uneasy about their sex and identifies with the opposite sex. The main term used now is **gender identity**. Just because a person identifies with the opposite sex, it does not change their sex. They are still XX or XY, because it is in their DNA.

**Abortion is shedding innocent blood.** (See The Final Battle: America is Divided, Chpt 8 Unholy Sacraments)

**Ps 106:36-38** *They served their idols, Which became a snare to them. 37 They even sacrificed their sons And their daughters to demons, 38 And shed innocent blood, The blood of their sons and daughters, Whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; And the land was polluted with blood.*

America is polluted with innocent blood causing sickness, diseases, curses, deception, hatred, fear and empowers the Kingdom of Darkness.

**Gen 4:10** *And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground.*

**Jer 1:5** *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations."*

**Jer 29:11** *For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.*

**Ps 139:13-16** *For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. 14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well. 15 My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. 16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them.*

We do not determine what sin is, because God already has in His Word. What God calls sin, we must not call good or be indifferent towards the sin.

**1 Cor 6:9-11** *Do you not know that the **unrighteous** will not inherit the kingdom of God? **Do not be deceived.** Neither **fornicators**, nor idolaters, nor **adulterers**, nor **homosexuals**, nor **sodomites**, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.*

This Scripture lists 10 sinful behaviors. Of the 10, 4 are about sexual behavior.

**Rev 2:20-23** *Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because **you allow** that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to **teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality** and eat things sacrificed to idols. 21 And I gave her time to repent of **her sexual immorality**, and she did not repent. 22 Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds.*

God warns us about being **unrighteous and the danger of sexual immorality**. This is the portion of the Bible that has been avoided by many churches, is considered “hate speech” and has been outlawed in some nations.

**Rom 1:18-32** *For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and **unrighteousness** of men, who suppress the truth in **unrighteousness**, 19 because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, 21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man — and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.*

*24 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, 25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.*

*26 For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their **women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. 27 Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.***

*28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; 29 being **filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality**, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, 30 backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; 32 who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.*

**1 Thess 4:3-8** *For this is the **will of God**, your sanctification: that you should **abstain from sexual immorality**; 4 that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, 5 not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God; 6 that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified. 7 For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness. 8 Therefore **he who rejects this does not reject man, but God**, who has also given us His Holy Spirit.*

If we reject our sanctification, our call to holiness, we are rejecting God. He is faithful and His mercies endure forever as He will always forgive us if we cry out. Make a choice to be obedient to His Word allowing His righteousness to flow through you blessing the people around you, as you advance the Kingdom of God!