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COUNTED RIGHTEOUS BY FAITH

Scriptural Reading: (Genesis 15: 6; Romans 4: 3)



hat does it mean to count righteousness by faith? It means to please God by walking the walk of faith. Your rightness depends on doing whatever God, whom you don't see, directs you to do. You follow the future he holds for you without doubts. When he called Abraham and told him to go to an unknown land – the land of Canaan – he set off in obedience without really knowing where he was going to. His obedience without much questioning (faith) was what was right in the eyes of God at that moment. To have set off without knowing where he was going was what God accredited to him as righteousness because that was the right thing God wanted him to do then.

It is difficult to take a leap of faith because reason always puts a stud. But if it is God who has ordered the leap, we cast our body without fear of getting smashed. No one can please God without blind followership because there are too numerous questions that may remain unanswered if we keep on asking.



Meditation:

Do you know that it is not your good work that will save you but the work Jesus is doing in you?



STRATEGIC PRAYER POINTS:

- Ask God to deliver you from self righteousness
- 2. Pray: Lord take over my life and do your work in me
- 3. Pray earnestly to understand the will of God for your life
- Pray for the Leaders of the Church and of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Nigeria,
- 5. Present your private intentions to God
- 6. Say your daily prophetic Prayers (Page 6)
- Pray the act of consecration to the Holy Spirit (Page 107)

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DAILY PROPHETIC PRAYERS

ord you are my Shepherd there is nothing I shall want. You make me to lie down in green pastures. You also lead me besides the still waters. Lord you restore my soul and lead me on the path of righteousness for your name sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadows of death, I shall fear no evil. For you oh Lord are with me in all situations. Your shepherd rod comforts me with signs and wonders, deliverance and protection in the victorious name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Amen.

For this reason, I shall neither stumble nor fall. I shall not be a victim of accident, sickness, diseases and untimely death. I shall rise above every limitation and rejoice as you prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

You oh lord have anointed my head with oil and has declared to the hearing of my enemies; "Touch not my anointed and do my prophet no harm". By the reason of your anointing upon my life oh Lord, my cup overflows with grace, mercy, uncommon favors, divine uplifting and your blessing that makes rich and adds no sorrows in the mighty name of Jesus.

Surely, your goodness and mercy shall follow me, all the days of my life and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord, forever and ever in the most powerful name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Amen.

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ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

On my knees, before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses, I offer myself, soul and body to you, Eternal Spirit of God. You are the strength and light of my soul and I desire never to grieve you by unfaithfulness. Mercifully guard my every thought and grant that I may always watch for your light, and listen to your voice, and follow your gracious inspirations. I cling to you and give myself to you and ask you, by your compassion to watch over me in my weakness. Holding the pierced Feet of Jesus and looking at His Five Wounds, and trusting in His Precious Blood and adoring His opened Side and stricken Heart, I implore you Spirit, Helper of my infirmity, to keep me in your grace that I may never sin against you. Give me grace O Holy Spirit of the Father and the Son to say to you always and everywhere, "Speak Lord for your servant listens." Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

O Lord Jesus Christ, before ascending into heaven you did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish your work in the souls of your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul, the work of your grace and your love. Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal, the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind with the light of your divine truth, the Spirit of Counsel that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven, the Spirit of Fortitude that I may bear my cross with you and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation, the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in imitation of the Saints, the Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable, and the Spirit of Fear that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him. Mark me, dear Lord with the sign of your true disciples, and animate me in all things with your Spirit. Amen.