



# Biblical Studies

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True humility is not thinking less of yourself, it is thinking of yourself less.

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C.S. LEWIS

The deepest and the most profitable reading is this, the true knowledge and contempt of ourselves. It is great wisdom and high perfection to esteem nothing of ourselves, and to think always well and highly of others.

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# Dear Friend,

Exploring Holiness, Humility, Righteousness, and Justification.

In this issue we will explore 4 scriptures:

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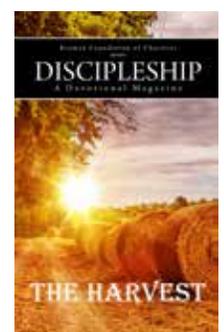
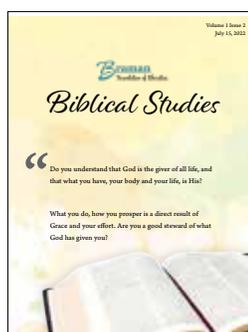
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# Welcome!

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Upon picking these topics, which are the topics of the BFC 5th book, one can only feel a level of inadequacy.

To attempt to write on topics of humility, holiness, or righteousness, one must step back and truly yields to the presence. As these words are written the presence of the Holy Spirit is a strong vibration. In this issue we will discuss: Humility, Holiness, Righteousness, and finally Justification.

Why? These topics are for those that are serious about their walk with Jesus. That these characteristics are not born in or out of self, and that we must learn to lean, to grow in these characteristics.

We realize that holiness, righteousness, and humility are, in part, of our true nature, our divine nature. Therefore we lack understanding from the natural mind, or intellect. We must learn to set a side the self nature and come into a deeper understanding of who we are in our Christ-like nature. As we explore these Godly characteristics we can only lean on what Paul reflects on in Philippians 4:8, "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything praiseworthy, dwell on these things."

Enjoy this teaching and be ever blessed.

## Holiness

Look at [Matt 5:48](#)

1 Peter 1:16 and 2 Peter 3:11

Holiness: The state of being Holy, purity or integrity of moral character, freedom from sin sanctified.

Holiness is properly whole, entire or perfect, in a mild sense. Hence, pure in heart, temper, and or disposition. Free from sin and sinfulness. We would call someone holy when their heart, the essence of who they are, is conformed to the

image of God. Holy is synonymous with good, pious, godly.

To understand that you, your true nature, your divine nature has the attributes: Love, Kindness, Patience, Long Suffering, Joy, Consideration, and Peace.

We as Christ followers are called to grow into Holiness. Just how can one grow into Holiness? How might this be and why do so many Christians accept limitation, sin in their lives? These are great questions to answer and to explore, but how do you become set apart?

Just like the command to love, God is calling you into Holiness. Setting yourself away from conformity of worldliness and world expectations is first and foremost. Through this act of growing in "hate" of this world you take on His image as the true essence of who you are in Christ Jesus.

Are you growing in the behaviors that find you setting yourself apart from this world? And do you allow "acceptable sin in your home and household?" Can you set yourself apart to hear the small voice speaking? This is a transformative process that can seem lonely at times, yet filled with such joy and love!

We often hear, in our current era, that it is difficult to differentiate between a Christian and a nonbeliever. Have you ever heard this? If so, what might this mean to you?

Perhaps many of us Christians are more interested in the gifts of God than we are in seeking God Himself. Afterall, how often do we listen to testimonials on what God has given us versus how close I am with Jesus? And so, little wonder, why non-believers view us as hypocrites, fake and shallow Christ followers? So where are you in your faith?

Remember you are called to grow and live in holiness. Why do you "take on" the ways of this world as so important? Are you struggling with this writing? Good! Then this is for you.

Read [Matt 6:33](#), "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and then these things shall be added unto you."

In this, The Sermon on the Mount, Christ has been the speaker to all. Overcome anxiety due to sin or world conformity. Just don't put the gifts of the Giver before the Giver.

If you're serious about your walk with Christ, then ask Jesus, "How might I become Holy and how can I be set apart?" Then stop and listen. Grow in this understanding.

We are not perfect for there is only one who is, was, and shall always be, yet the one is calling you into Holiness. And this requires sanctification, commitment, and setting aside the world. Grow! Grow! And Grow!

Remember! "A saint is a sinner that never gave up!"

**Peace!**

## Humility

*2 Corinthians 3:5*

Humility is a heart matter. Meekness, lowliness, and absence of self. An idea that you are the servant of all. That who you are, in your own strength, is just inadequate and self-reliant.

Many of us struggle with this because we are so self-centered, always seeking to fulfill our desires of our hearts, instead of allowing God to do just that to fulfill us.

We struggle, for humility is the opposite of what the world calls us to be. Conformity to worldliness, to be accomplished and never be broken, to "make it happen" in life can be so self-reliant. We witness this over and over again.

Self or the ego never gives up and is always desiring fame, to fit in, notoriety or the opposite, no value, no esteem, less than.

And so in humility we realize that God is doing for us, what we in our self would never have even dreamed of doing. Yet how do we yield to our divine nature and be less in ourselves?

Many believe it just occurs or happens as the result of being God's child. Yet why are you so weak and so powerless?

My friend, God, through the presence of the Holy Spirit, yearns not only for your love, but to use you to accomplish His purpose. We become less in ourselves to become more in Him. Examine your life and ask, am I really making a difference in my life? Does my life reflect Jesus? And wait for the answers.

Humility is truly knowing that God is at work in you and through you to accomplish His purpose and you must glorify God in all you do.

When people say to you, "Great job!", say thank God from whom all blessings form. God is the doer through me.

Glorify and give Christ all the credit for He is using you to accomplish His ultimate purpose, "To bring others to Him."

Press in my friend to His still small voice, and overcome the world, put aside your worldly likes and grow in the desire to be a servant. Put others first and watch what happens as you forget self.

Grow in genuine concerns for others around you and pray for them always. For this is where God has planted you and this is where you can be a servant to many.

Now God bless you, all!

## Righteousness

*Romans 1:11*

How do you live by faith alone? Faith being the substance of things hoped for in the evidence of the unseen.

Knowing by knowing in Christ that the unseen will unfold bringing one to the added command of love. For Christ's greatest command is to love Him, others, and you, the Christ within you. We know that Christ is calling for greater love yet does faith abound? And are you on fire to share the gospel of love, of Christ with others?

So by faith, Moses moved the Hebrews to the promised land through the Red Sea. And by faith, Noah built an ark in the middle of the desert but He labored in faith. It was through faith that Paul was the greatest evangelist to proclaim Jesus, Messiah.

You are declared righteous by your faith in Jesus, your unseen savior. It is not by words that you are declared righteous, but through your faith.

Where are you in your faith? Do you understand you are righteous?

Through your faith you're right in the eyes of God and only through Christ can this occur. This includes your character, your nature, your conscience, and your conduct. Righteousness is therefore based on God's standard because He is the ultimate law giver.

Therefore righteousness is a wonderful gift from God to humanity through His love, that God given quality imputed to man upon believing in the Son of God. And the righteousness of God-centered attribute is that no man can attain it though his own effort for it is only given through Christ. Our righteous deeds apart from God are "nothing but filthy rags."

Your righteousness is based solely from the wonderful gift given to you, through Jesus Christ!

Justification is a legal term signifying acquittal, you are free. Therefore, you are acquitted not tried before God! Christ has gone before you. So you are declared right before God.

Paul uses justification as the control theme or truth of the gospel. Paul speaks of justification more than any of the writers of the new testament. Paul speaks, "who justified the wicked".

So you, because of your faith, are declared justified. You are acquitted. Your faith in Jesus Christ.

And so we are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. And so it is by His grace which we are given so freely. So it is the death of Christ, that God pardons and accepts believing. It is the truth that is enshrined in the doctrine of justification by faith.

My friend you who believe are pardoned!

*Be ever Blessed.*  
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## Justification

*Galatians 3:24 and 1 Corinthians 6:11*

Much like righteousness you are justified through your faith.

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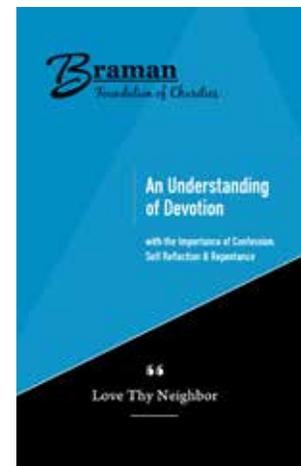
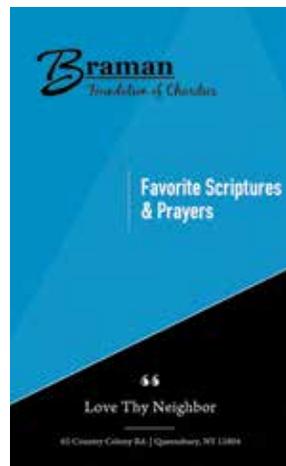
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### *2022 BFC Scripture.*

*"But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not grow weary, they shall walk and not faint."*

*Isaiah 40:31*



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