

**“Rise & Walk”**

**Matthew 8: 1 - 4**  
**November 2, 2011**

**The Lord Jesus Himself Has Told Us That True Righteousness Is Not A Ritual But A Nature, (Chpt. 3 - 12);**  
*“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:20)*

• Section 3: A Nature Of True Righteousness Must Be Applied, (Chpt. 8 - 9)

1. Righteousness applied submits to God’s will, not ours, (vs. 8: 1 - 4)

- A. Walking in righteousness focuses on what God desires, (vs. 1 - 2); *“Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature. ”“In the Law it is written, “By people of strange tongues and by the lips of foreigners will I speak to this people, and even then they will not listen to me, says the Lord.” ”“Thus tongues are a sign not for believers but for unbelievers, while prophecy is a sign not for unbelievers but for believers. ”“If, therefore, the whole church comes together and all speak in tongues, and outsiders or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are out of your minds? ”“But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or outsider enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all, ”“the secrets of his heart are disclosed, and so, falling on his face, he will worship God and declare that God is really among you.”(1 Corinthians 14:20-25 ESV)*

- B. Walking in righteousness gladly accepts what God provides, (vs. 3 - 40); *“Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. ”“You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. ”“You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.”(James 5:4-6 ESV)*

2. Righteousness applied acknowledges God's authority over all things, (vs. 5 - 13)
3. Righteousness applied trusts in the true healing only God can bring, (vs. 14 - 17)
4. Righteousness applied accepts the cost of discipleship, (vs. 18 - 22)
5. Righteousness applied demonstrates faith in the worst of circumstances, (vs. 23 - 27)
6. Righteousness applied exercises dominion over the demonic realm, (vs. 28 - 34)
7. Righteousness applied is the authority by which sins are forgiven, (vs. 9: 1 - 8)
8. Righteousness applied is the greatest need of the sick not the self righteous, (vs. 9 - 13)
9. Righteousness applied challenges the established view of piety, (vs. 14 - 17)
10. Righteousness applied confronts the weakness of fraudulent faith, (vs. 18 - 26)
11. Righteousness applied brings the fullest measure of enlightenment, (vs. 27 - 31)
12. Righteousness applied frees the bondage of the oppressed, (vs. 32 - 34)
13. Righteousness applied is compassionate toward those who are lost, (vs. 35 - 38)

### **"To Be Or Not" Series Outline**

#### **Matthew 3 - 12**

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- Section 1: A Nature Of True Righteousness Has Been Displayed, (Chpt. 3 - 4)
- Section 2: A Nature Of True Righteousness Is Promoted By Formative Discipline, (Chpt. 5 - 7)
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- Section 4: A Nature Of True Righteousness Is Divinely Expected, (Chpt. 10 - 12)