

“The **Righteousness** that Kills”

Matthew 5:20

I. The **Audience**

2 Timothy 3:16 “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 perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”

II. The **Theme**

1 John 3:15 “Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.”

III. The **Message**

a. The Perfect **Standard**

1. **Inherent** Righteousness

Ecclesiastes 7:29 “Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions.”

2. **Imputed** Righteousness

2 Corinthians 5:21 “For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”

3. **Imparted** Righteousness

Ephesians 4:24 “And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.”

b. The External **Concern**

Matthew 23:25 “**Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.**”

c. The Internal **Neglect**

d. The Certain **Judgement**

1 Samuel 16:7 “But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for *the LORD seeth* not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.”

Psalms 45:13 “The king's daughter *is* all glorious within: her clothing *is* of wrought gold.”

IV. The **Application**

a. **Examine**

b. **Change**

c. **Share**