



I. INTRO/REVIEW

- A. Review series idea
- B. "I Am" is powerless without "Because"

Hebrews 13:5-6 (VOICE) ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have because He has said, "I will never leave you; I will always be by your side." ⁶ Because of this promise, we may boldly say, The Lord is my help—I won't be afraid of anything. How can anyone harm me?

- C. I am Righteous
 - **Righteousness means to have right standing**

II. WE ALL WANT RIGHT STANDING WITH GOD

- A. You might not think you want or need this but ... we all want right standing with God

Question – How do I get into God's good graces?

Romans 3:9-10 (NKJV) ⁹ What then? Are we better *than they*? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin. ¹⁰ As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one;

- B. This is a problem - No one is in God's good graces
- C. If you're not sure you have right standing with God you'll try to get it other ways

Question – How do I get into God's good graces ... When the standard is perfection?

- D. Paul's story – He was a skeptic

Romans 3:20 (NLT) ²⁰ For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are.

Romans 3:21 (NLT) ²¹ But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. ²² We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.



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I Am Righteous



III. I AM – BECAUSE

A. Faith makes all the difference

Hebrews 4:16 (New King James Version) Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The invitation of Christianity is that right standing with God is free.
I don't have to do anything? Nope. If I don't have to do anything why's the bible so thick?

Romans 10:9-10 (NKJV) that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

- I get into God's good graces by placing my faith in Christ – or – Jesus is The Way into God's good graces

B. The problem of humanity is the solution of deity

2 Corinthians 5:21 (TPT) ²¹ For God made the only one who did not know sin to become sin for us, so that we *who did not know righteousness* might become the righteousness of God through our union with him.