

Jesus Has a Name

Episode 16

Call Upon His Name

Yahweh Tsidkenu – Part 2

We ended our last episode discussing the problem we have with the good child/bad child syndrome and how it has led to all manner of religious delusion and legalism that has made the people of God experts at hiding and lying. It has also made practically the entire community obsessed with sin: your sin, my sin, their sin, sin, sin, sin—everywhere, sin!

We also touched on the scary truth that God said He would send a delusion on His own people so that they might believe **the lie** because they did not want to believe the truth. And the lie that we can be good for God (and for others) is perhaps the most pervasive delusion that has invaded Christianity and has kept people bound in hardened chains of personal and institutional legalism. And this lie has choked the life out of so many, it is terrible.

But **Yahweh Tsidkenu**, **Yahweh our righteousness**, is the solution to our delusion.

Therefore, what does it mean to live out this name—to call upon Yahweh Tsidkenu?

To practically know Jesus by His name **Yahweh Tsidkenu**, we must be willing to come to grips with our absolute inability to be good, and by faith relinquish all our own attempts at finding favor, blessing, and right standing with God, and with other believers, though what we do.

We must let go of all our “would have’s,” “could have’s,” and “should have’s” of our life, and never return to their lies, especially the one that tells us that “next time, we will”.

We must detest the **work of our hands** knowing that even our best goodness before God is not much more than a dirty, filthy, bloody rag.¹ And this truth must move from a Christian cliché to a personal truth invading our heart, mind, soul, and our strength.

Shame, which is a product of the lie that convinces us we should not be so bad because we could be so good, must be entirely rejected. We must learn to hate this lie so much that we are willing to let it go and let the good child/bad child syndrome be ripped out from our soul.

¹ *Isaiah 64:6*

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We must reject all aspects of religion that attempt to equate doing good with being good. His righteousness has been given to us in exchange for our corrupt nature; therefore, we have no reason to try and be good or to try and hide the fact that we are not good. Remember, **ONLY GOD IS GOOD, FOR THE SOURCE MATTERS, THE SOURCE IS EVERYTHING!** This needs to become our personal mantra.

Our righteousness comes only through **Yahweh Tsidkenu**. With that said, our righteousness is only realized through active belief, through betting our lives on the fact that **ONLY GOD IS GOOD**. If this is not our truth, if we do not own the truth, then we are, in one-way-shape-or-form, still trying to be good for God—still clinging to a failed religious system—still loving our legalism and still living bound by the weight of it all.

Therefore, to live this truth we must give up our desire to have God be proud of us for what we can do for Him, and we must surrender all our attempts to earn our blessing and instead simply rest in the fact that He is our righteousness, and because of Him, because of **Yahweh Tsidkenu**, we are good.

The struggle with the name **Yahweh Tsidkenu** is that it is counter intuitive to everything in our being. Our fight with this name is quite cellular. It seems we all fundamentally want God to bless us, to be kind to us, to be tender in His dealings with us, and to not take us through so much trouble and pain because we have tried so hard to please Him. However, we have been told over-and-over that the problem in our life and in our relationship with God is sin. Essentially, we are taught to believe, in oh so many words, that if we did not sin so much, we would know God's blessing, favor, peace, abundance, and so on.

**This is a twisted lie that is imbedded with just enough truth to make it
believable!**

However, unless God, the only one who is good, is the one who is doing something in and through our lives, what we do, what we say, and even what we think is a sin anyways: that includes all our great acts of ministry and service. Remember, **THE SOURCE MATTERS, THE SOURCE IS EVERYTHING!** Let me repeat that phrase so it sinks in.

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LIVES, WHAT WE DO, WHAT WE SAY, AND EVEN WHAT WE THINK IS A SIN.

I know this is incredibly hard to receive much less actually, truly, and legitimately believe. But if we can accept the truth that **ONLY GOD IS GOOD** then this truth will set us free.

After all, we were born into sin, we did not just one day accidentally sin and become sinners. This was always **Plan-A**, from before the foundations of the earth.² And the law, God's law, your law, my law, just confirms that we are sinners, for none of us can keep the law. In fact, the law just provokes us to sin. It is a terrible unending cycle.³

Since every thought, deed, and breath that we take is corrupted by our sin, we sin because we are sinners!⁴ Our sinful behavior, our sinful thoughts, and our sinful words, are just the **fruit** of the reality that in our *flesh* we are sinners. This explains why all our attempts to stop sinning just do not work. This also explains why God must dwell within us through the **New Creation**, for our sinful wineskins (our *flesh*) could not handle the glory and the purity of His Spirit.⁵

With that said, even though all we do is sin, it should not concern us in the least. We need to let go of our obsession with sin. He already died for all our sins (which was only appropriate since He is the one who created us in sin⁶). His death on the cross, His personal sacrifice, was not a reaction to the fact that we sinned in the garden. Rather our sin and His plan to sacrifice Himself for our sin was **Plan-A** all along.⁷

Therefore, He took upon Himself every drop of anger and punishment that the Father required for sin. It is finished! So much so that every accusation that could ever be made against us has already been nailed to the cross.⁸

Therefore, the issue of our blessing and favor from God logically has nothing, **ABSOLUTELY NOTHING**, to do with our ability to not sin or to do it right and be good for God.

If you think what I have said so far is crazy talk, this truth gets even more wacky and

² *Ephesians 1:3-7*

³ *Romans 7:7-13, 3:20, 5:13, 20, 6:14*

⁴ *Psalm 51:5; Job 15:14; Ecclesiastes 7:20; Romans 3:9-18, 5:12-14; 1 John 1:8; Ephesians 2:3; Jeremiah 17:9*

⁵ *Matthew 9:17*

⁶ *Hebrews 2:10, 7:26-28*

⁷ *Acts 2:23-24; Ephesians 1:3-10*

⁸ *Colossians 2:8-15*

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unbelievable. Let me continue. It is 100% up to God to transform our beliefs, our thoughts, our feelings, and our behaviors. We cannot! That is the essence of grace (**100% Him/0% us**).

We can only let the Spirit transform us, we can only be **willing**, because the ironic truth is that every attempt on our own to stop sin **IS IN FACT SIN** and just leads to more sin; it is a never-ending cycle. All of us in the religion of Christianity need to get over it and stop this unhealthy and sick obsession we have with sin. It is what we are, it is who we are, for **ONLY GOD IS GOOD!** And only **Yahweh Tsidkenu** is righteous. **We must be identified only in His name.**

Therefore, if an area of our lives is still bound by sin, and the Spirit is shining His spotlight of truth on that area, it is because He simply wants us to invite Him to go to war against everything within us that is keeping that area of sin alive in our soul. He is going after those areas that stubbornly refuse to believe that **Yahweh** is our **I AM**. Hence, He simply asks us to be **willing**, to present ourselves to Him as a living sacrifice, a willing victim, and He will do the rest.⁹ Yes, the rest is up to Him. He is responsible for our transformation!

When we are willing, simply willing to give up our law (our system of shame) and all our attempts at being good, when we are willing to stop justifying what we do by explaining away our sin and failures based upon our “good” intentions, when we stop comparing ourselves to others judging their sin to ours, and we receive the unabated righteousness of Christ in us, we will know true freedom as **sons of God**. Before then, we still live as **slaves** in His household.

To call on **Yahweh Tsikdenu** is to rejoice in the truth that our darkness is so pervasive that we no longer need to hide it in shame, for it just confirms the truth that we are in need for **Yahweh Tsikdenu** in every area of our lives, not just some parts. This is the reason Jesus said, blessed are the poor in spirit (those who realize and accept their absolute righteous poverty), for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.¹⁰ This is why those who are white covered head to toe with leprosy are no longer unclean, but clean. It is only when we embrace our complete leavening that we are able to accept His righteousness apart from all our attempts to be good.¹¹

⁹ See **Romans 12:1-2**

¹⁰ **Matthew 5:3.**

¹¹ See **Leviticus 13**

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Can you imagine what it would be like if we could all be in this together? Can you imagine how much more relationship, intimacy, and unity there is to experience with others when we are not condemning or judging them, or condemning and judging ourselves, along with all the requisite hiding and lying?

Can you imagine what it would be like to work together to help each other be willing to let God do the necessary work of judging our *flesh*, and not be all shocked and dismayed when all the bad things come to the surface as a necessary part of the process? Can you imagine what freedom there would be if we did not feel the need to hide and lie and could trust ourselves in our weakness to others who would love us unconditionally and not shame us? Probably not, that is a big request that defies our lifelong experience. Yet, according to **Galatians**, that is exactly what God is looking for from us.¹²

God desires us to replace all our shame with His righteousness. When we come to grips with our complete 100% need for **ALL** of Jesus in every single part of our lives, and not just part of Jesus in parts of our life, then oddly enough the embarrassment and shame begins to wane, and thankfulness takes its place.

I know this is crazy talk and incredibly hard to believe. But this must become our truth at a cellular level. This must become our relational truth with one another. And this name, **Yahweh Tsikdenu** must become one of the banners we let **Yahweh Nissi** fly over our lives.

YAHWEH IS OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS; YAHWEH IS MY RIGHTEOUSNESS.

But make no mistake, this is a battle of faith vs. fear, for our religious *flesh* is always trying to point out our failures and condemn us leaving us fearful of God and usually even more fearful of others. Our *flesh* is always pointing to some law about what we should have done or should be doing.

Besides, other believers tend to be watching out for our failures so they can point the finger, condemn us, and feel better about themselves. And we do the same to them. In addition, the enemy is always watching out for our failures so they can accuse us. But why should this be the

¹² See **Galatians 6:1-5**

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case, for there is no condemnation for those who stand in the glory of **Yahweh Tsidkenu**.¹³ And this truth is the glory of the gospel—the good news!

Romans 1:16-17

For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who is now believing—the Jew first and also the Gentile. **This Good News tells us how God makes us righteous in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith.** As the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life."

As the Spirit says, we are to be found having a righteousness not of ourselves, not by the **work of our hands**, but that which is through faith in Jesus Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith (from start to finish).¹⁴ There is never a time when our righteousness is determined by our good efforts, our good intentions, or our good discipline, **it is realized, from start to finish, by faith** (through betting our lives upon the truth that He alone is our righteousness). If you want to talk crazy talk, I think it is crazy that this simple and pivotal truth has been largely lost in the religion of Christianity.

It is so hard to fathom, and we tend to take it a bit lighthearted, but He literally chose us, before the foundation of the world, while we were yet sinners, that we should **NOW** be holy and blameless before Him.¹⁵ In fact, "He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might **choose to become the righteousness of God in Him**."¹⁶ It is to be our now experience.

We can bet our lives on this truth and put shame down once and for all. As He says, all who, now and continually, trust in Him will not be put to shame.¹⁷

Moreover, this is where **Yahweh Tsidkenu** pairs so beautifully with **Yahweh Shammah**,

¹³ ***Romans 8:1, 33-34***

¹⁴ ***Philippians 3:9***

¹⁵ ***Romans 5:8; Ephesians 1:4***. Note: "should be" is rendered in the *present active infinitive*.

¹⁶ ***2 Corinthians 5:21***. Note: to become is in the *aorist middle subjunctive*.

¹⁷ ***Isaiah 50:7-10; Romans 10:11*** (Note: "trust" is rendered in the *present active participle*). See also ***Isaiah 28:16; Romans 9:33***

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Yahweh is There. He is righteous and since He is There, and “There” is in the Temple of our souls, then we have His righteousness, and there is nothing we need to do (much less can do) to earn it and experience it except to actively believe it such that we are **willing** to let Him wage His war against our *flesh* and continue to take up territory in our being and continue to transform us such that He lives His righteousness in and through us.

With that said, I want you to understand that the Lord’s righteousness is a lot like God’s *agape* love. We have His love in our souls and we are the objects of His great love and affection, but to practically experience His *agape* love in our day-in-and-day-out lives, we must let Jesus take more and more possession of our soul. We must let Him fill us, since He is *agape* love.¹⁸ His love comes along with His personhood.

God is love; therefore, the more we let Him rule in our lives and literally possess our being, the more we (and others through us) will truly know—experientially—His love. And we know that for Him to possess more of our soul, we must be **willing** to let Him judge our *flesh* (especially our religious *flesh* which loves its goodness and locks us in legalistic delusion).

We must be **willing** to let Him must put our *flesh* to death and thoroughly burn off from our lives the areas of our wrong belief and unbelief that keep us believing the **LIE**, the **Strong Delusion** of personal goodness. Those areas that fight incessantly to prove that we are the I Am.

That is the same with His righteousness. If we have the **New Creation** (if we have truly been born-again), then we have His righteousness because **He is There** in the person of the Holy Spirit. He dwells within our being. He is our righteousness therefore the Father deals with us based on our righteousness (which is **Yahweh Tsidkenu**). But to practically experience His righteousness in our day-in-and-day-out life, we must let Jesus take more and more possession of our soul, which means war. He must go to war against His enemies in our soul.

WE HAVE GOT TO DIE TO LIVE AS THIS IS THE PATHWAY TO LIVING IN THE SPIRIT AND WALKING IN THE SPIRIT.

With that said, all the wonderful things we desire (love, blessing, favor, to be good and holy

¹⁸ **1 John 4:8**

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and pleasing to God), come with His presence, for they are all a part of His personhood; therefore, such desires cannot be experienced or known apart from His name (apart from His taking up more and more space in our being). Therefore, we must decide what we love: our goodness or His righteousness.

Honestly, **Yahweh Tsidkenu** is the reason Jesus could say with a straight face that His yoke is easy, and His burden is light.¹⁹ His only burden on our lives is to be **willing**, to trust in His name such that we give Him access and permission to complete the sacrifice and put down all that stands in opposition to Him. The rest is up to the Spirit.

Therefore, it is time to shift our perspective of law, sin, failure, guilt, shame, and so on. These are all just tools of the enemy and a failed religion filled with sick and unhealthy relationships.

When we agree that **Yahweh Adonai** has appointed every detail in our lives, and **Yahweh Raah** has already established the paths we must walk, we can rejoice that **Yahweh Tsidkenu** has done it right for us and will always do it right for us (even though we practically do it wrong). He just desires us to now and continually believe this to be true while He wages His war, otherwise we will always live enslaved to the elementary principles of this world, with rules about what we can and cannot do, what we should and should not do, and what we better be doing.²⁰

Yet, if we identify with **Yahweh** as our righteousness, then we can trust in the truth that **Yahweh** is our righteousness, no matter what practically comes from our lives. Remember, failure and sin are part-and-parcel of our transformation process; it is a byproduct of war. After all, what should we expect when He is waging war against everything in our soul that stands in opposition to our believing that He is our **I AM**—all those areas in our lives that are convinced that they are the I Am?

Of course, we are going to fail, of course we are going to sin, that is the whole point. He wants it to come out so we can get in touch with why it was there in the first place. He wants us to understand the areas of wrong belief and unbelief that are behind the sin and failure. **The sin and failure are just the fruits, they are not the problem; they are just the indication that we**

¹⁹ *Matthew 11:29-30*

²⁰ *See Colossians 2:8, 20*

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have a problem, a wrong belief or unbelief that God wants to change.

Yes, He wants us to believe in His name, for ***If we call on His name we will be saved, for there is much power in the name when it is accompanied by faith.***

Think of how much trouble the enemy, as well as our own soul, has brought into our lives by cloaking us with failure, sin, duty, guilt, shame, and so on, produced by a whole lot of manufactured laws declaring what we should do and how we should do it. What a travesty.

What if we were to rise above it all and stand on the rock, **Yahweh Tsidkenu**, and declare His righteousness over our lives—a righteousness that comes by faith and **NOT** by the **work of the hands**. What freedom and power there is when we actively believe in His name?

With that said, at the risk of anyone taking a deep dive in to what they “should” or “could” do, this form of active belief is an iterative process, which **Yahweh** begins and finishes in His timing based on the wars He chooses to engage in **when** He chooses to engage in them.

Unfortunately, we cannot just decide that “starting now,” we will believe, or “starting now” we will be in the Spirit. It does not happen that way. He just wants us to trust Him enough with our lives to invite Him to do the work regardless of the costs, regardless of the pain, regardless of the means and methods He chooses to take to accomplish His work in our lives.

**OUR BELIEF WILL BE THE FRUIT OF OUR WILLINGNESS. JUST LIKE OUR
WILLINGNESS IS THE FRUIT OF OUR BELIEF.**

What does He want? For each of us to present ourselves as a living sacrifice, not allowing ourselves to be conformed to this world, but letting Him transform us into the image of His Son through the renewal of our mind, through His changing what we believe, and therefore what we think, what we feel, and what we do as He gains more and more territory in our soul to live out His righteousness in and through our body.²¹

And in the meantime, we can stand on the truth that **Yahweh Tsikdenu** is our righteousness, for only God is good!

²¹ See *Romans 12:1-2*