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Matthew 5:6, *Blessed* are those who **hunger and thirst for righteousness**, for they **will be filled**.

I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For, U2

I have climbed the highest mountains
I have run through the fields
I have run I have crawled
I have scaled these city walls
But I still haven't found what I'm looking for...

I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For, U2

I have kissed honey lips
Felt the healing in the fingertips
It burned like fire
This burning desire
I have spoke with the tongue of angels
I have held the hand of a devil
But I still haven't found what I'm looking for...

I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For, U2

I believe in the Kingdom come
Then all the colors will bleed into one
You broke the bonds and you loosened chains
You carried the cross of my shame...

You know I believe it

But I still haven't found what I'm looking for...

-True Righteousness Is Not SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS

Luke 18:11, *The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank You that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector.*

Matthew 5:20, *For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.*

-True Righteousness Is Found In The GOSPEL

Romans 1:17, *For in the Gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is **by faith** from first to last, just as it is written: "**The righteous will live by faith.**"*

Two Indispensable Steps To True Righteousness:

Step 1: Have A Relationship With God Through JESUS

John 3:17, *For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, **but to save the world through Him.***

Luke 19:10, *For the Son of Man came to **seek and to save the lost.***

How Do We Have A Relationship With God?

-Admit To Yourself And God That You Are A SINNER

Ecclesiastes 7:20, *Indeed, there is no one on earth who is righteous, no one who does what is right and never sins.*

-Agree With God That Jesus Paid For Your SINS

Romans 3:23, *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and all are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.*

2 Corinthians 5:21, *God made Him Who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.*

-Accept Jesus Christ As Your Savior And Lord BY FAITH

Romans 3:22, *This righteousness is given **through faith** in Jesus Christ to **all who believe**. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile... 25 God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of His blood—to be received **by faith**.*

2 Corinthians 5:21, *God made Him Who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might **become the righteousness of God**.*

Step 2: Live A Lifestyle That PLEASES GOD

Romans 1:17, *For in the **Gospel** the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is **by faith** from first to last, just as it is written: “**The righteous will live by faith**.”*

1 John 2:29, *If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who **does what is right** has been born of Him.*

Proverbs 12:28, *In the **way of righteousness** there is life; along that **path** is immortality.*

How Can I Stay Passionate For Righteous Living?

-Make Knowing God Your NUMBER ONE GOAL

Psalms 63:1, *You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek You; I thirst for You, my whole being longs for You, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.*

Matthew 6:33, *But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

-Dive Into God's WORD EVERY DAY

1 Peter 2:2, *Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation.*

-Be With God's People AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE

Psalms 1:1, *Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, 2 but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who*

meditates on His law day and night. 3 That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.

When Can I Gain True Righteousness?

RIGHT NOW

Isaiah 55:1, ***“Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. 2 Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare.***

Revelation 22:17, *The Spirit and the bride say, **“Come!”** And let the one who hears say, **“Come!”** **Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.***

Thirsty

Come, drink from the well that never runs dry
Go deep and let love teach us to fly
There is rest here in the arms of Christ
And all who seek will surely find, oh come

Thirsty

If you're thirsty, the Spirit and the bride say come
There's mercy, it doesn't matter what you've done,
There is rest here in the arms of Christ,
And all who seek will surely find, oh come

Thirsty

There's healing, there's freedom there's more than enough for everyone
So we come Lord, we come
We're thirsty, Your Spirit and the bride say come
There's mercy, it's all because of what You've done, oh come

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