

Righteousness Exalts a Nation

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Introduction

1. Psalm 14:34
2. There is no expiration date on this passage
3. Why because it is from God 1 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Timothy 3:16-17
4. What can I do to make our nation great?
5. Be instructed in righteousness 2 Timothy 3:16-17

II Discussion

1. We make Christians
 - a. The world will be judged in righteousness Acts 17:30-31
 - b. The Good News in the gift of righteousness Romans 5:17
 - c. Every creature in the world needs to hear this good news Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16;
 - d. This is the gift of God Romans 6:23
 - e. Christ became sin for us 2 Corinthians 5:21 so our sins can be taken away
 - f. But this is not anything we do to merit our salvation Titus 3:5; Philippians 3:9
 - g. All of God's commands are righteous Psalm 119:172
 - h. When we obey then we are righteous 1 John 2:29
 - i. Belief in unto righteousness Romans 10:10
 - j. Confession is unto righteousness Romans 10:10
 - k. The Good News of God leads to repentance Romans 2:3
 - l. One is baptized into Christ Romans 6:3; Galatians 3:26-27
 - m. One is then raised to walk in newness of life Romans 6:16-20 righteousness
 - n. Then one is a member of the Lord's church Acts 2:47
 - o. One is then to live righteously Titus 2:11-12
2. We make then Christians homes
 - a. Marriage is for those who are eligible to marry Matthew 19:6; Genesis 2:18-25
 - b. These families are to practice the greatest commandment Matthew 22:35-38
 - i. We are to live up to God's moral code Romans 13:1-7
 - ii. Marriage is kept as God intended 1 Corinthians 7:2; Hebrews 13:4
 - iii. There will be fewer divorces Malachi 2:6
 - iv. Fathers will do as they are to do 1 Timothy 5:8; Ephesians 6:1-4
 - v. Language will then be as it ought to be Ephesians 4:29
 - c. The second of the commands will then be followed
 - i. Love neighbor as ourself
 - ii. Following this commandment will end adultery, murder, stealing, lying, but will include helping our neighbor
3. Our influence will then be great Matthew 5:13-16
 - a. The middle verse of the Bible speaks of this Psalm 118:8-9
 - b. When the righteous are in authority Proverbs 29:2
 - c. We will render unto Caesar what is his due Matthew 22:21
 - d. We will honor the king, no matter who 1 Peter 2:17
 - e. Our talk will influence others
 - f. Our dress will influence others
 - g. Our families will influence others

III Conclusion

1. We talked earlier about obey God 1 John 2:29
2. Do you need to obey God in what we said earlier
3. Now is the time to obey
4. Come now be a Christian, have Christian families and influence others

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