

# The Righteousness of God

Don't Let Evil Win!

## Romans 12:14,16-21 (ESV)

<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

<sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. <sup>17</sup> Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup> If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup> Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."

<sup>20</sup> To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head."

<sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

## Counter-cultural Christian living:

4 commands/counter-commands:

Don't \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_ instead.

Don't be \_\_\_\_\_ . Be \_\_\_\_\_ instead.

Don't \_\_\_\_\_ . Live \_\_\_\_\_ instead.

Don't let \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_ instead.

## 2 keys to carrying these commands out:

\_\_\_\_\_ more.

## Psalm 9:9-10 (ESV)

<sup>9</sup> The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. <sup>10</sup> And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

*When I trust God in times of conflict ...*

Doing \_\_\_\_\_ .

## Matthew 5:43-45 (ESV)

<sup>43</sup> "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'

<sup>44</sup> But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup> so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

*When I act in a way that is 'contrary' to human nature, I ...*

**How** is this possible?

Only the \_\_\_\_\_ received and applied to my life makes this possible!

**Romans 12:1 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God ...

My **response** today ...