

Title: Time to Live
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Romans 14:17

¹⁷For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

A. Living by righteousness

Romans 8:10

¹⁰And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

1. Righteousness revealed

Romans 1:16-17

¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. ¹⁷For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

2. Righteousness received

Romans 9:30-31

³⁰What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness of faith; ³¹but Israel, pursuing the law of righteousness, has not attained to the law of righteousness.

Romans 10:3-4

³For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. ⁴For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

Romans 5:17

¹⁷For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

3. Righteousness desired

Matthew 5:6

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.

Romans 6:13

¹³And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

B. Living in peace

Romans 8:6

⁶For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

1. Reign of peace

Isaiah 9:6-7a

⁶For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end.....

Colossians 3:15

¹⁵And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

2. Sustained by peace

Isaiah 26:3

³You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.

John 16:33

³³These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

Philippians 4:6-7

⁶Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

3. Bringing peace to others

Romans 10:15

¹⁵And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"

James 3:18

¹⁸Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Matthew 5:9

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.

C. Living with joy

Psalms 16:11

¹¹You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

1. Overcoming joy

Hebrews 12:2

²looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Habakkuk 3:17-18

¹⁷Though the fig tree may not blossom, Nor fruit be on the vines; Though the labor of the olive may fail, And the fields yield no food; Though the flock may be cut off from the fold, And there be no herd in the stalls— ¹⁸Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

2. Everlasting joy

John 15:11

¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.

3. Impacting joy

Isaiah 55:12

¹²For you shall go out with joy, And be led out with peace; The mountains and the hills Shall break forth into singing before you, And all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

4. Heavenly joy

Luke 15:7

⁷I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.