

# PRACTICING RIGHTEOUSNESS

I John 3:7-8

## INTRO:

- A. To practice means “to do or perform frequently ... to work at” Webster’s Dictionary
- B. John says that to be righteous we must practice righteousness.
- C. Are you practicing righteousness?

## I. RIGHTEOUSNESS

- A. God is righteousness. Psalm 11:7
- B. His commands are righteousness. Psalm 119:169-172
- C. Righteousness shown us in Christ. Romans 3:21-26
- D. Hunger & thirst for it. Matthew 5:6

## II. PRACTICING RIGHTEOUSNESS

- A. Fulfill all righteousness. Matthew 3:13-15
- B. Work righteousness. Acts 10:34-35
- C. Practice righteousness. I John 3:7-10
- D. Live for righteousness. I Peter 2:21-25
  - 1. Live for Jesus. 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

## III. THE OTHER CHOICE

- A. Practice lawlessness. Matthew 7:21-23
- B. Works of the flesh. Galatians 5:19-21
- C. A debased mind. Romans 1:28-32

## CONCLUSION:

- A. A thing is not right or righteous because it pleases us. God is the standard of all righteousness.
- B. While He makes us righteous when we obey Christ from our hearts, He requires that we practice or live righteousness.
- C. Are you practicing righteousness or lawlessness? One leads to life, the other to death.
- D. Won’t you live for Jesus starting today?