

THE VILLAGE CHURCH
desire in the heart and life of every one of us.

First it might be wise to notice the sort of righteousness that characterized the Scribe and Pharisee and then compare it with our own life and see how we measure up. The Pharisee was a regular and frequent church-goer along with other things, such as paying a tenth of his income, sitting in the uppermost seats in the Temple wearing a long religious looking robe, making long prayers in public places, and in general doing things to make himself appear very religious, and yet at the same time his heart was not right with God,

If we are depending on what we do to save us rather than upon Christ who died for us on Calvary, then we will find ourselves forever busy and finally wake up to the fact that our deeds alone won't save us. My Boys, don't misunderstand me, the things just mentioned are fine and we will be found at church if we want to live right, we will also give of our money to the cause of Christ, we will pray for the Church and for each other, our lives will be filled with his goodness, what we do will be done in loving service to him, with the understanding that it is our duty to him and his cause and that we serve him because we love him.

A Christian's life exceeds, or goes beyond just uttering public prayers, or going to church, or doing other things to be seen of men.

We might feel that we should be exempted for some reason or other, but the Master has said IN NO CASE shall ye enter. Our Righteousness must exceed or go beyond, the Pharisees of ancient or modern times. That Righteousness is the Righteousness of God, which we receive by faith - we are made Righteous when we are converted, it is not of ourselves-it is the gift of God.

Boys, trust him to make you righteous by faith, and then your good works will follow your Faith - good deeds and faith go together, but our works are Righteous because we have Faith.

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Honorable Discharge

Pfc. Robert Brackett who has been stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. received a Medical Discharge from the Army on April 6th. Robert has now opened a garage "across the river" and will appreciate your patronage.

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A tall, slow-moving Negro had come North to work on a defense project and was now braving his first bitter Pennsylvania winter. Looking sorrowfully out of the plant window one morning at the frozen landscape, he remarked to his foreman:

"Boss, Ah sho will be glad when dis job is done and Ah kin go back South again." The foreman, a native Pennsylvanian, replied, "Well, I do suppose a man has to be born and raised here to stand this weather."

The old colored man looked at him in astonishment. "You all mean to tell me, Boss," he exclaimed, "that folks live here when dere ain't no war?"

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A Maine logger, fresh from the big woods, was watching a store clerk open a package of gaily colored men's pajamas. "What's them?" he asked. "Pajamas." "Pajamas?" echoed the logger. "What are they for?" "Why, you wear them nights", the clerk explained. "Want to buy a pair?" "Nothing doing," said the logger. "I don't go nowhere nights except to bed."