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Scripture: Romans 1-3. Devotional Reading: Psalm 111.

God Is Righteous

Lesson for July 5, 1953

is because the word has a hard

ring to it in some ears. It seems

to suggest something rigid and un-

beautiful, like a poker or a fence-

first and last and Dr. Foreman

The Bible's God is a righteous

God. But the writers of the Bible

did not shiver when they wrote

that word. They did not believe

were glad. In fact, nobody who

kind of devil. Righteousness means

being right, first of all. It means seeing things as they are, seeing

But righteousness is more than

being right. It means being right-

in-action. It includes being just and

too. Some one might be fair be-

be. He might be fair to others so

justice in act, but justice in desire.

It means the love of justice and

not only the practice of it. Righteousness-the Bible word-in ad-

dition means dependability. The

original meaning of the word was

God is like man in one respect.

His actions speak louder than his

Old Testament and New, more of-

ten speak of God's righteous acts

than of his righteous words. It re-

mained for the Apostle Paul to

sum up the case for God's right-

eousness. It is shown, he says-

demonstrated, that is to say-in

two ways. These two ways are en-

larged on in the early chapters of

Romans as well as elsewhere in

First of all, the justice of God

expresses His righteousness, God

is no "respecter of persons:" in

other words, He plays no favor-

ites. Paul's own people, the Jews,

had misunderstood what it meant

to be the "chosen" people. They

had supposed it meant they were

God's favorites, though the proph-

ets had long tried to explain that

"chosen" meant chosen for service, appointed. Some people to-

day think that "Nordics" or

Americans or some other group

is God's chosen people, His favor-

ites, His pets so to speak. No,

the Bible teaching is that in God's

sight all men stand on an equal

If this were all that could be

said, we of the human race would

be in a hopeless hole. As Paul

we are with what we ought to be,

not even we ourselves can hon-

estly say much for ourselves. If

God's righteousness were noth-

ing but an even-handed justice, it

would be a searing flame. But

it is more. The other way God

shows His righteousness is in His

mercy, in His coming to us in

Christ. He has made salvation

everyone, regardless He would

still not be righteous. He saves

those who have faith, that is, those

who humbly accept what they real-

ize they can never earn—the trans-

forming love of God. For one of the

glorious things about God is

that He is not only righteous-He shares His righteousness.

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Paul's writings.

always is the righteous God.

A Righteous God Or None

God's being right-

eous. Words like

"love" or "mercy"

are used more

often. We hear of

the high and holy

God, the almighty, or we hear of the

leving Father of

all. But we do not

hear often enough

of the God who

be righteous.

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Gschwind Reunion

Descendants of the late Mr. and Bible School Closes Mrs. Paul Gschwind, long-time

Present were all of the sons and cept Mr. and Mrs. Edd Gschwind of Kansas City, Mo. They are: Mrs. Frank Jeffreys and Mr. and Personals Mrs. Charlie Gschwind of Vass, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Simpson of Vass, Rt. 2, and Mrs. William P. Parker of Laurinburg.

Grandchildren and great-grand-Ted of High Point, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Laubscher and family of Forest City spent Thursday night Southern Pines. Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mor- of last week with her. gan and sons, Dennis and David, of Southern Pines, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gschwind and Jennifer of Greensboro, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Gschwind and daughters, Gail and Cheryl, of Aberdeen, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Williams and family of

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Klingenschmidt and baby of Pineblutf, and daughter, Barbara Sharon, Southern Pines were supper with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Klingen-with Mr. and Mrs. Elrie Thomas guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Au-Mr. and Mrs. Henry Klingen-Schmidt and baby daughter of Vass, Bobby Klingenschmidt of Red Springs, Mrs. Jim McCaskill and children of Carthage, Rt. 3, the Simpson children, and Sgt. Bert Wilson Sunday afternoon. and Mrs. George Hawthorne and Mrs. Clayton Evans of Vass as family of Vass Rt. 2, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gschwind and son, Mike, of Vass.

Visitors were Misses Lola, Jane and Maggie Fallenstine of High Freas Kinney, Freas, Jr., and Miss White. Phyllis Joy Kinney, of Hunlock Mr. Creek, Pa. The Freas family were visiting Mrs. Freas's brother, Tom Morgan, in Southern Pines.

Attend FFA Meet gers and Eugene Hall, accompanied by their vocational agricultur-last weekend visiting their son-America convention at State col- Md.

competed. The vacation Bible school heid

residents of Vass, held a reunion at the Negro church in Vass last Sunday at the old home, now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Vass Presbyterian Women of the Gschwind. A long table was plac- Church was considered a great ed under massive pecan trees in success. The enrollment, which Mrs. McLean has sold her home the back yard and the group gath- was 43 on the opening day, mountered there for a sumptuous din- ed to 73, and at commencement exercises held Friday morning 35 were recognized for having perdaughters with the in-laws, ex- fect attendance. Mrs. D. F. Cameron supervised the school, using teachers from the Negro church.

Mrs. S. C. Owen of Woodbury, Ga., and Mrs. Idus Roberson, Jr., and Mrs. Walter Couch of Manchester, Ga., visited their sister, Sunday afternoon. Mrs. F. X. Credle, and Mr. Credle Grandchildren and great-grand-children attending were Mr. and thildren attending were Mr. and dle's son and daughter-in-law, week's visit to the N. N. McLeans Mr. and Mrs. John McClure, of here and the L. L. McLeans in

Va., for several days for a check- Mrs. Parker's parents, Mr. and

Miss Jeanette Mullinix has reboro and Ophir.

and daughter, Barbara Sharon, and family of Jackson Springs, try, Jr., at Asheboro Monday evespent part of this week at Caro- ning. lina Beach.

family of Niagara visited Miss last weekend. Mrs. Clayton Evans of Vass and improve, at the home of her son Mrs. Ernest Clayton of Aberdeen and daughter-in-law, Mr. and are visiting relatives in Georgia Mrs. Daniel Boggs. this week.

and Maggie Fallenstine of High baby Joe spent Sunday in Rock-Claud Elliott and son, Jack, of Point, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Stan-ingham with Misses Laura, Ruth Thomasville, Mr. and Mrs. John ton and family and Mr. and Mrs. and Mary White. They carried Morgan and sons, John David and Laverne Higgins and Diana, of Mrs. J. J. Parker down for a visit Bobby, of Pinebluff, and Mr. and Mullins, S. C., and Mr. and Mrs. of several days with the Misses Mrs. Stancil Stevenson and chil-

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Rollins and Mrs. Rollins' brother in Orangettend FFA Meet burg, S. C., and to spend some Edward Cameron, Donald Bridtime at the beach.

al teacher, W. E. Gladstone, at- in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. tended the Future Farmers of Charles Mann, at Silver Springs,

county, the Vass-Lakeview School Raleigh, and Susan Irby, who had ents. group took part in a statewide been with her grandmother for a tool contest in which 42 teams week, returned to Vass with them. Greensboro were Sunday dinner

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Miss Agnes Smith came home Thursday, a week ago, from Moore County hospital, where she underwent surgery. She is getting along well and is able to be up a part

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. McLean of Southern Pines and nephew, Leslie Schakenbach of Cheshire, Conn., visited the N. N. McLeans Friday evening. Mr. Schakenbach and Mrs. J. D. McLean, who had been visiting here for several days in Cameron to Misses Annie and Margaret McFadyen.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gladstone returned last week from a visit

to relatives in Forsyth, Ga. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Rivers of Florence, S. C., visited Mrs. T. L. McNair Monday and Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Ben W. Smith of

Sanford called on Mrs. S. R. Smith H. Dougald McLean left Friday

Mrs. A. B. Parker, Jr., and William John Graham has been daughter, Barbara, spent the at McGuire hospital in Richmond, weekend at Jackson Springs with

Mrs. Leslie Britt. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Graham and turned home after spending three daughters, Misses Lavonne and weeks visiting relatives in Rox- Janice Graham, also Mr. and Mrs. Percy Futrell of Norfolk, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Parker, Jr., Misses Kate and Eva Graham of

Pvt. Bobbie Lee Lassiter was Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson and at home from Ft. Jackson, S. C.,

and tremble, they believed and Mrs. Belle Boggs continues to gives the question the serious thought it deserves would be interested in God if he were not righteous. An un-righteous Gód would be no God at all but a

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Stevenson Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Parker and had as Sunday guests Mr. and Mrs. past the surface to the heart of things. No one who sees men and character dimly or crookedly can dren of Carthage, Rt. 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Graham children left Saturday on a vaca- and children of Graham spent tion trip. They planned to visit Sunday night with Mrs. W. B. Graham and the Muses, and left fair, though it is more than that, early Monday morning for Fontana village, there they plan to cause the rules compelled him to spend a week. that they in turn would be fair to him. Righteousness means not only

Mrs. R. B. Gunn and daughters Barbara and Carolyn returned Monday from a two weeks' visit in St. Augustine, Fla., where lege in Raleigh on Thursday of Maj. and Mrs. P. B. Irby and they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. last week. Representing Moore son, "Chip," spent the weekend in A. L. Sigman, Mrs. Gunn's par-

> guests of his mother, Mrs. W. C. Leslie, and Miss Louise Leslie. They went from here to Myrtle Beach, S. C., for a few days' vacation. Mrs. F. L. Taylor of Pinehurst had lunch with the Leslies Saturday.

Mrs. W. H. Keith and Miss Bessie Cameron went to Topsail Beach Saturday to be guests of Mrs. Keith's daughter, Mrs. Steve Mallard, at her cottage there for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Read left Saturday for their home in East Bridgewater, Mass., after a visit of several days to Mrs. Read's mother, Mrs. G. W. Brooks, who accompanied them home.

Archie McNair came up from Florence, S. C., Friday to take his wife and children, Gwennie, Donnie, Timothy and A. L., Jr., home after a week's visit to Mr. and Mrs. T. L. McNair and Mrs. O. M. Bullock. Mrs. Edward Mc-Nair and baby, Ronald Edward, two months old, of Charleston, S. C., came with Mr. McNair to spend a week. Edward plans to join them here Sunday and take

them home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. McMillan had as their guests last week their little niece and nephew, Patsy and Jimmy McMillan, of Selma,

Mrs. George McDermott, Jr., and children of Camp Lejeune, also her mother, Mrs. Holland, of Paris, Tex., are spending some time here with Mr. and Mrs. G. M. McDermott and Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Edwards, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. John McDermott and family of Greensboro visited the family last

Bookmobile Schedule

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MAYBE it is because righteous is not a singable word. (Is there any rhyme for it?) Maybe it

Thursday - Carthage Library, 11:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.; Pinebluff Library, 4 p. m. Friday-Unscheduled.

Monday-Westmoore communty, 1:30 to 2:30 p. m.; across to Baldwin's store by Lonnie Brewer home, 2:30 to 3; Jugtown, 3:15; Needhams Grove church, 3:30; cross to Robbins and thence to

Tuesday-Doubs Chapel route in afternoon with numerous home

Wednesday - Lee Patterson store community, 2:45 p. m.; Worth Brown home, 3; H. M. Kirk home (neighborhood stop), 3:15 to 3:35; C. S. Galyean's, 3:45.

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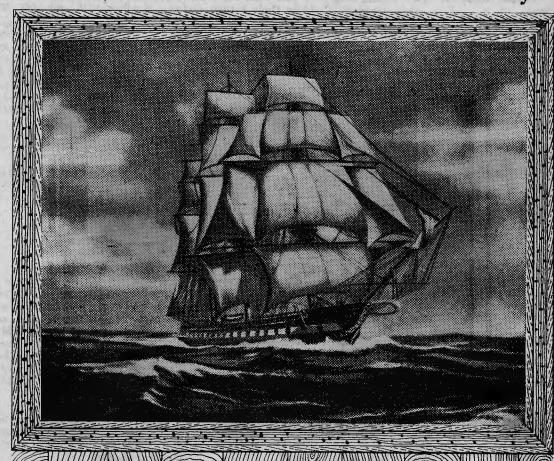
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shows, the fact that God treats all CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH Wednesday 8:15 p. m. men alike in the long run, is no New Hampshire Ave., So. Pines comfort at all; it only means that the verdict "Guilty" must be pro-Sunday Service, 11 a. m. nounced on us all. Comparing what

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