

Christ Our Rightness

If our rightness depended on us keeping a set of rules,
we'd be doomed.
Consistent keeping of rules requires will-power.
And a creature who is inherently sinful –
that is, US –
simply doesn't have the ability to be consistently good
on our own power.

We try.
We fail.
We try harder.
We fail again and
keep failing.
We can point out the faults of the people around us,
but we cannot obey any better than they.
Rules teach us right from wrong,
but by themselves,
they are weak because
we are weak.

But God sent His own holy, perfect Son and
made Him as human as we are.
Yet He lived a holy, perfect life
here among us,
in this evil world.
So now, as we simply trust Him,
He gives us
His life,
His Spirit,
His rightness,
His loving, trusting relationship with the Father.
He wipes away
all our past sins and
all our present sinfulness.
As we trust Him step by step,
He gives us the power
to obey,
to do what is right

The Spirit of Jesus Christ makes us right
from the inside out.
His life within us gives us

the power and
the freedom
to be the persons our loving God
has always wanted us to be.

There is now no condemnation at all for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. (Romans 8:1-2, NASB)

Hymn: [Christ Fulfills the Law](#)

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