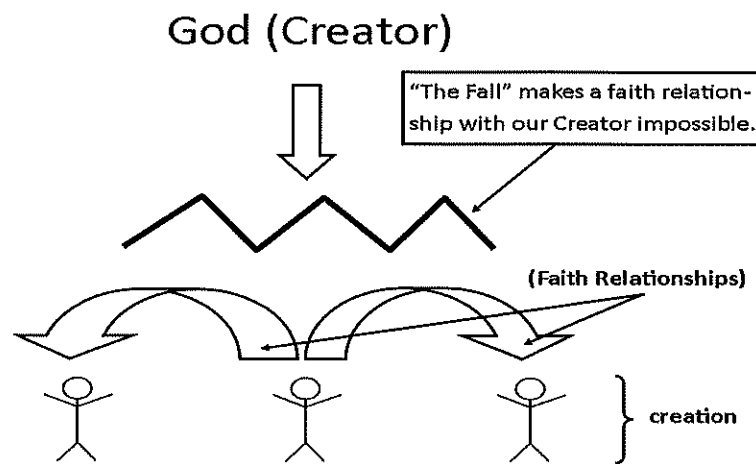


# *Discipleship 101*

## Learning to Take Christianity Seriously

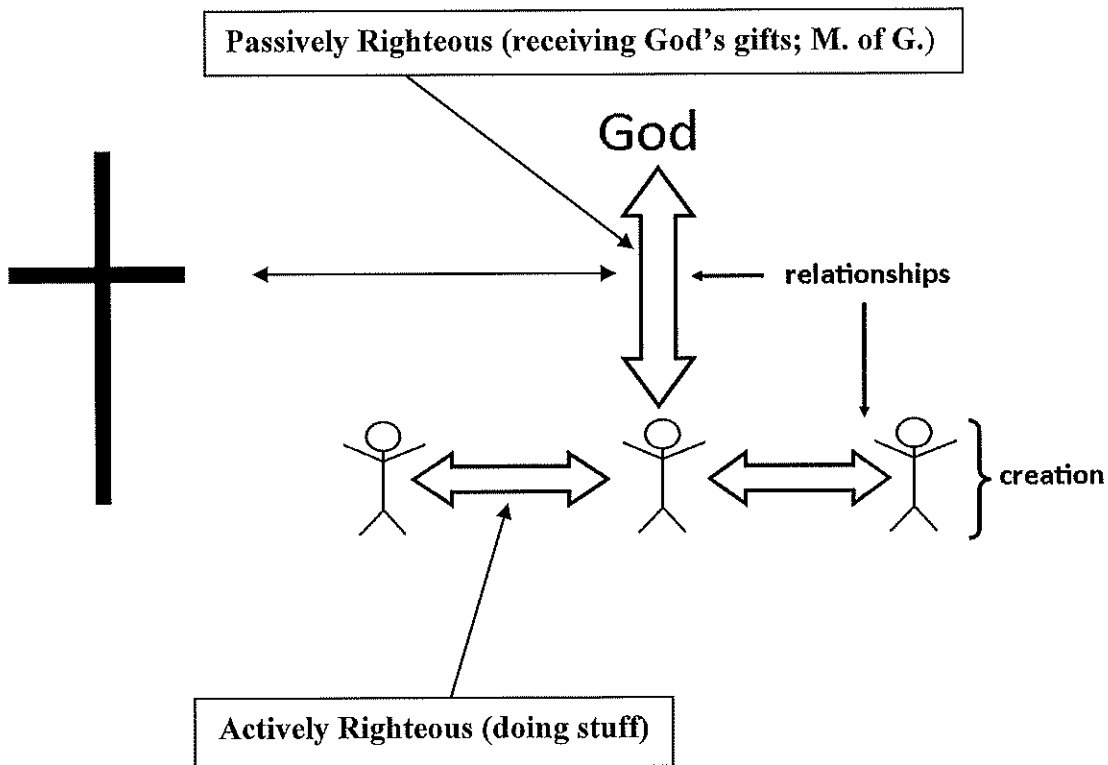
### Session #3—A God Who Speaks: Two Kinds of Righteousness and the Righteousness of God

1. Review: righteousness between us and each other and creation; righteousness between us and the Creator. What is the definition of faith?
2. Read Genesis 3:1-6. According to the serpent what does it mean to have your “eyes opened”?
  - a. What does this account tell us about our spiritual condition?
  - b. What effect does this have on our day to day lives?



3. Faith is an \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ part of your creaturely existence. It is usually unexamined and sits below and behind our every use of the concepts good or bad. Identity example. Security example. Will example.
4. We cannot choose to fix the broken faith relationship between us and our Creator. Ephesians 2:1-9; Matthew 16:21-25; Third Article of the Apostles' Creed. Criteria example.
5. Why doesn't trying to be righteous through the keeping of the law (the Ten Commandments) work? Sin is not something we \_\_\_\_\_. It's something we \_\_\_\_\_.
6. When do you think God is being everything He's supposed to be (righteous)?
7. What do you think God should be "up to" if His righteousness is His holiness, wrath, and omnipotence?

8. Read Romans 1:16-17. According to St. Paul, what is the “righteousness of God”? How is it made known?
9. Read Romans 3:21-26. According to the verses that follow, how is God’s righteousness manifested?
  - a. In the second half of verse 25, St. Paul writes, “This was to show God’s righteousness...” To what is “this” referring to from the previous verses?
  - b. On the basis of these verse—what is “the righteousness of God”?
10. It turns out that the righteousness of God *isn't* a set of \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_. It’s *not* a set of \_\_\_\_\_ God displays (His superpowers). No. The righteousness of God is \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Read Isaiah 59:1-2. What hides God’s righteousness from us? Where do we see the revelation of God’s righteousness in the Christmas narrative? Where else?
12. Here’s a picture of the two kinds of righteousness always at work in our lives.



13. Thy Strong Word. (v. 3) Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with Thine own holiness, Glorious now, we press toward glory. How does this verse affirm what we’ve learned?
14. Believing.                      Belonging.                      Behaving.