

# December 17

## TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

**KEY IDEAS:** Do I think that my approval and acceptance by God is determined by my performance? Do I see myself as God sees me, through the blood of Christ without sin and accepted by Him? Am I growing in the Lord? Does my life show greater spiritual maturity as time goes on?

**1** **God is our righteousness** — *Jeremiah 23:6 In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.*

Why is it best that being right with God doesn't depend on my strength?

How should I praise God for bringing me into a right relationship with Himself?

**2** **I am cleansed, set apart from sin and stand judged right with God** — *1 Corinthians 6:11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.*

What behavior in my life causes me to think that God doesn't approve of me?

Why does the devil want to blind me to the fact that I am already justified?

**3** **I am to pursue righteous behavior to keep my physical life from the destructive effects of sin** — *Proverbs 11:4 Riches profit not in the day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death. 5 The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.*

What areas of my life have been cleansed and transformed?

What examples of growth and maturity can I see in my life?

Holy Spirit, how do you want to apply these verses in my life today?

## OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Revelation 8

Evening: Amos 7, 8, 9