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2 Timothy 2:15 (AMP) Study *and* be eager *and* do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analyzing *and* accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth.

## Instructions:

1. Print out the study guide.
2. Watch the video at [www.epocfoundation.org](http://www.epocfoundation.org) under “Faith Towards God” or visit EPOC Foundation YouTube channel (The Righteousness of God).
3. Look up each scripture (NKJV) and fill in the blanks and answer each question in the study guide. Some answers are found only in the videos. The more you put into your studying the more you will get out of it.
4. Complete the assignments at the end of the study guide.
5. Send you questions or feedback to [info@epocfoundation.org](mailto:info@epocfoundation.org)

## Key EPOC Foundational Scriptures:

Luke 6:46 "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say?

<sup>47</sup> Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: <sup>48</sup> He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. <sup>49</sup> But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great."

Hebrews 6:1 Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ (EPOC), let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, <sup>2</sup> of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. <sup>3</sup> And this we will do if God permits.

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

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## Dead Works: Unrighteous & Self-righteous

1 John 5:17 All \_\_\_\_\_ is sin,

Romans 3:10 As it is written: "There is \_\_\_\_\_, no, not one;

Romans 3:23 for \_\_\_\_\_ and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 6:23 For \_\_\_\_\_, but the \_\_\_\_\_ of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## The Study of the Righteousness of God

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who \_\_\_\_\_, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. <sup>17</sup> For in it the \_\_\_\_\_ of God is revealed from

\_\_\_\_\_ ; as it is written, "*The just shall live by \_\_\_\_\_.*"

Define the below words:

Just: \_\_\_\_\_

Antonyms: \_\_\_\_\_

Justify: \_\_\_\_\_

Synonyms: \_\_\_\_\_

Justification: \_\_\_\_\_

"dikaioo": \_\_\_\_\_

Faith: \_\_\_\_\_

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Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things \_\_\_\_\_ for, the evidence of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is \_\_\_\_\_ to please Him, for he who comes to God must \_\_\_\_\_ that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

## The New Century Dictionary

Believe: To have confidence (in); trust; rely through faith (on); be persuaded of the truth or reality of a thing.

*Synonyms:* \_\_\_\_\_.

*What is the level of your belief, trust, faith toward God right now?*

Circle One: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him \_\_\_\_\_, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. <sup>6</sup> But let him ask \_\_\_\_\_, with \_\_\_\_\_ doubting, for he who \_\_\_\_\_ is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup> For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the \_\_\_\_\_;

## FAITH IS:

Hebrews 11:1 \_\_\_\_\_ is being confident of what we hope for, convinced about things we do not \_\_\_\_\_. Complete Jewish Bible

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith means putting our \_\_\_\_\_ in the things we hope for, it means being \_\_\_\_\_ of things we cannot see. Phillips NT

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Whom do you trust and believe that when they say they are going to do something, especially for you, without any doubt or hesitation you know for certain they are going to do what they said?

Person(s): \_\_\_\_\_

How did you respond to that person the last time they told you they were going to do something for you, before they did it? \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 11:1 NOW FAITH is the \_\_\_\_\_ (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the \_\_\_\_\_ of things [we] do not see *and* the conviction of their \_\_\_\_\_ [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses]. Amplified Bible

Hebrews 6:13 For when \_\_\_\_\_ to Abraham, because He could \_\_\_\_\_ by no one greater, He \_\_\_\_\_ by Himself, <sup>14</sup> saying, "Surely blessing \_\_\_\_\_, and multiplying \_\_\_\_\_." <sup>15</sup> And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained \_\_\_\_\_. <sup>16</sup> For men indeed \_\_\_\_\_ by the greater, and an \_\_\_\_\_ for confirmation *is* for them an \_\_\_\_\_ of all dispute.

Using a dictionary define:

Oath: \_\_\_\_\_

Promise: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain in simply terms how are promises made and communicated? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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KEY PRINCIPLE: Faith towards God is \_\_\_\_\_ based on a \_\_\_\_\_ HE has given.

How can you have faith towards God without a promise from Him? \_\_\_\_\_

James 2:19 You \_\_\_\_\_ that there is one \_\_\_\_\_. You do well. Even the demons \_\_\_\_\_ --and tremble!

Is belief in God the same as faith towards God? \_\_\_\_\_

Demons believe there is one God. Can demons have faith towards God? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 6:13 For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, <sup>14</sup> saying, "*Surely blessing \_\_\_\_\_ bless you, and multiplying \_\_\_\_\_ multiply you.*"<sup>15</sup> And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. <sup>16</sup> For men indeed \_\_\_\_\_ by the greater, and an \_\_\_\_\_ for confirmation *is* for them an \_\_\_\_\_ of all dispute.

If you had a promise from God that He swore and put in writing what He would perform would it end all dispute with you, or would you be looking for more proof?

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Hebrews 6:17 Thus God, determining to show \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of His counsel, confirmed *it* by an \_\_\_\_\_, <sup>18</sup> that by two \_\_\_\_\_ things, in which it *is* \_\_\_\_\_ for God to \_\_\_\_\_, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the \_\_\_\_\_ set before *us*.

Using a dictionary define:

“heirs”: \_\_\_\_\_

Immutability: \_\_\_\_\_

Why does God not change? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Why is God’s council immutable? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you absolutely convinced that God is good for His Word? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you believe God is able to keep His promises? \_\_\_\_\_

List out at list five promises from God are you expecting to be fulfilled in your life?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Obtaining the Righteousness of God

Romans 4:2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has *something* to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup> For what does the Scripture say? *"Abraham believed God, and it was \_\_\_\_\_ to him for righteousness."*<sup>4</sup> Now to him who works, the \_\_\_\_\_ are not counted as grace but as debt. <sup>5</sup> But \_\_\_\_\_ but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, \_\_\_\_\_, <sup>6</sup> just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom \_\_\_\_\_  
<sup>7</sup> *"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, And whose sins are covered; <sup>8</sup> Blessed is the man to whom the LORD \_\_\_\_\_."*

Romans 4:13 For the \_\_\_\_\_ that he would be the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world *was* not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of \_\_\_\_\_.<sup>14</sup> For if those who are of the law *are* heirs, faith is made \_\_\_\_\_ and the promise made of \_\_\_\_\_ effect,

Romans 4:20 He did not \_\_\_\_\_ at the promise of God through \_\_\_\_\_, but was strengthened in faith, giving \_\_\_\_\_ to God,<sup>21</sup> and being fully \_\_\_\_\_ that what He had \_\_\_\_\_ He was also able to \_\_\_\_\_.<sup>22</sup> And therefore *"it was accounted to him for \_\_\_\_\_"*<sup>23</sup> Now it was not \_\_\_\_\_ for his sake alone that it was imputed to him,<sup>24</sup> but also for us. It shall be imputed to us who \_\_\_\_\_ who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead,<sup>25</sup> who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.

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How do you strengthen your faith every day? \_\_\_\_\_

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James 2:23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham \_\_\_\_\_ God, and it was accounted to him for \_\_\_\_\_." And he was called the friend of God.

Philippians 3:9 and be found in \_\_\_\_\_, not having my \_\_\_\_\_, which is from the \_\_\_\_\_, but that which is through \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by \_\_\_\_\_;

*Key Principle: The primary purpose of faith towards God is to obtain the righteousness (the justification) of God which He has promised.*

MEMORIZE: Galatians 2:16 knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh \_\_\_\_\_, who loved me and gave Himself for me. 21 I do not set aside the \_\_\_\_\_ of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in \_\_\_\_\_."



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Galatians 3:6 just as Abraham " \_\_\_\_\_ God, and it was accounted to him \_\_\_\_\_." <sup>7</sup> Therefore know that *only* those who are of \_\_\_\_\_ are sons of Abraham. <sup>8</sup> And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would \_\_\_\_\_ the Gentiles by \_\_\_\_\_, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, *saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed."* <sup>9</sup> So then those who *are* of \_\_\_\_\_ are blessed with \_\_\_\_\_ Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For as many as are of the works of the law are under the \_\_\_\_\_; for it is written, "*Cursed is everyone who does not continue in \_\_\_\_\_ things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.*" <sup>11</sup> But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God *is* evident, for " \_\_\_\_\_." <sup>12</sup> Yet \_\_\_\_\_, but "*the man who does them shall live by them.*"

Explain the cause and effect of living under the law and trying to earn your own righteousness: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

Galatians 3:13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), <sup>14</sup> that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit \_\_\_\_\_. <sup>15</sup> Brethren, I speak in the manner of men: Though it is only a man's covenant, yet if it is confirmed, no one annuls or adds to it. <sup>16</sup> Now to Abraham and his Seed were the \_\_\_\_\_ made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is \_\_\_\_\_. <sup>17</sup> And this I say, that the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ,

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that it should make the \_\_\_\_\_ of no effect. 18 For if the inheritance is of the law, it is no longer of \_\_\_\_\_; but God gave it to Abraham by \_\_\_\_\_.

Use a dictionary and define the following words:

Covenant: \_\_\_\_\_

Annul: \_\_\_\_\_

Inheritance: \_\_\_\_\_

Galatians 3:19 What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom \_\_\_\_\_ was made; and it was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator. 20 Now a mediator does not mediate for one only, but God is one. 21 Is the law then against \_\_\_\_\_ God? Certainly not! For if there had been \_\_\_\_\_ given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law.

Write out Galatians 3:22 \_\_\_\_\_

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Galatians 3:23 But before \_\_\_\_\_ came, we were kept under guard by the \_\_\_\_\_, kept for the \_\_\_\_\_ which would afterward be revealed. 24 Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to \_\_\_\_\_, that we might be \_\_\_\_\_. 25 But after \_\_\_\_\_ has come, we are no longer under a tutor. 26 For you are all sons of God through \_\_\_\_\_. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is

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neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be \_\_\_\_\_ . 2 For I bear them witness that they have \_\_\_\_\_ , but not according to knowledge. 3 For they being \_\_\_\_\_ of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their \_\_\_\_\_ righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of \_\_\_\_\_. 4 For Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ of the law for righteousness to everyone who \_\_\_\_\_. 5 For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who \_\_\_\_\_ those things shall live by them."

In what ways have you tried to establish your own righteousness before God? \_\_\_\_\_

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Hebrews 8:10 For this is the \_\_\_\_\_ with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: \_\_\_\_\_ put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and \_\_\_\_\_ be their God, and they shall be My people. 11 None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. 12 For \_\_\_\_\_ be merciful to their \_\_\_\_\_ , and their sins and their lawless deeds \_\_\_\_\_ remember no more."

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Hebrews 10:16 "This is \_\_\_\_\_ with them after those days, \_\_\_\_\_: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them," 17 then \_\_\_\_\_, "Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

Hebrews 9:16 For where there *is* a \_\_\_\_\_, there must also of necessity be \_\_\_\_\_.<sup>17</sup> For a testament *is* in force after men are \_\_\_\_\_, since it has no power at all while the testator lives.

## Paul preaching to Jews in Antioch in Pisidia in the synagogue (Read Acts 13:14-41)

Acts 13:23 From this man's seed, according to the \_\_\_\_\_, God raised up for Israel a Savior--Jesus--

Acts 13:29 Now when they had fulfilled all that was \_\_\_\_\_ concerning Him, they took Him down from the tree and laid Him in a tomb. 30 But God raised \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead. 31 He was seen for many days by those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are His \_\_\_\_\_ to the people.

Acts 13:32 And we \_\_\_\_\_ to you glad tidings--that \_\_\_\_\_ which was made to the fathers. 33 God has \_\_\_\_\_ this for us their children, in that He has raised up \_\_\_\_\_. As it is also \_\_\_\_\_ in the second Psalm: 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.' 34 And that He raised Him from the \_\_\_\_\_, no more to return to corruption, He has spoken thus: '\_\_\_\_\_ give you the sure mercies of David.'

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Acts 13:37 but He whom \_\_\_\_\_ raised up saw no corruption. 38 Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_; 39 and by Him everyone who \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ from all things from which you could not be \_\_\_\_\_ by the law of Moses.

John 1:17 For the \_\_\_\_\_ was given through Moses, *but* \_\_\_\_\_ and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Romans 6:23 For the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin is death, but the \_\_\_\_\_ of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

66 AD: Titus 1:2 in hope of eternal life which God, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ before time began,

1 John 2:25 And this is the \_\_\_\_\_ that He has promised us--\_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 4:1 Therefore, since a \_\_\_\_\_ remains of entering His \_\_\_\_\_, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. 2 For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the \_\_\_\_\_ which they heard did not \_\_\_\_\_ them, not being mixed with \_\_\_\_\_ in those who \_\_\_\_\_ it. 3 For we who have \_\_\_\_\_ do enter that \_\_\_\_\_, as He has said: "So \_\_\_\_\_ in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My \_\_\_\_\_,'" although the works were \_\_\_\_\_ from the foundation of the world. 4 For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all His works"; 5 and again in this place: "They shall \_\_\_\_\_ enter My rest." 6 Since therefore it remains that some must enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter

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because of disobedience, 7 again He designates a certain day, saying in David, " \_\_\_\_\_," after such a long time, as it has been said: " \_\_\_\_\_, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts." 8 For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day. 9 There remains therefore a \_\_\_\_\_ for the people of God. 10 For he who has entered His rest has himself also \_\_\_\_\_ as God did from His. 11 Let us therefore be diligent to enter that \_\_\_\_\_, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.

What is the difference between "belief in God" and "faith toward God"? \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe in your own words the warning that is given in Hebrews 4:1-11: \_\_\_\_\_

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Romans 10:6 But \_\_\_\_\_

in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down from above) 7 or, " 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). 8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your \_\_\_\_\_ and in your \_\_\_\_\_" (that is, the word of \_\_\_\_\_ which we preach): 9 that if you \_\_\_\_\_ with your mouth the Lord Jesus and \_\_\_\_\_ in your heart that God has raised Him from the \_\_\_\_\_, you will be \_\_\_\_\_. 10 For with \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_, and with the mouth \_\_\_\_\_  
is made unto \_\_\_\_\_. 11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever \_\_\_\_\_  
on Him will not be put to shame." 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same  
Lord over all is rich to all who \_\_\_\_\_ upon Him. 13 For "whoever \_\_\_\_\_ on the name of the  
LORD shall be \_\_\_\_\_."

Key Principle: Faith towards God is always based on a \_\_\_\_\_ HE has given.

Key Principle: The primary purpose of faith towards God is to obtain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, which HE has promised.

Take a moment to practice Romans 10:8-13:

1. Begin to reflect upon that fact that Jesus died for your sins, rose from the dead, and is sitting at the right hand of God the Father.
2. Mix the Word of God with your faith in your heart, TODAY, right now.
3. Put your faith toward God and begin to call out loud on the name of the LORD.
4. Glorify and thank Him for keeping His promises and for your salvation.
5. Don't just read the above, apply it. Don't be ashamed of the good news of Christ.

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## ASSIGNMENTS:

**REVIEW:** Go back and review all your notes and list below the most important things you've learned as a result of completing this study:

1.

2.

3.

**ACTION:** What actions are you going to take as a result from what you have learned?

1.

2.

3.

**SHARE:** List the names of three people you will share what you learned and the action steps you are going to be taking.

1.

2.

3.

**READ:** Get a paperback New Testament that does not have any commentary, start in Matthew and read through it as fast as you can (Don't take more than a month). Carry it with you everywhere you go so you can read it when you have an opportunity. Don't worry about the things you don't understand, just read it cover to cover as quickly as you can.