

# ROOTS

## HE GAVE US HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS

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- Fractured hearts will produce broken relationships. Read Romans 3:21-26 NIV.
  - a. We live in a self-seeking, me-centered culture. Instead of living by a “How do I get mine?” mentality, God wants us to be a “How do I love people as result of Jesus loving me?” type of people.
  - b. Discuss the difference this type of mentality can make in your relationships on a daily basis—think about people you interact with every day too.

### How Does God Heal Your Fractured Hearts?

1. By faith, God incorporates you into the very righteousness of Jesus. Read Romans 3:22-23.
  - We are completely forgiven and fully pleasing to God because what’s true of Jesus is true of you. You are the very righteousness of Jesus. How does this impact the way you see yourself?
2. By grace. Read Romans 3:24-26.
  - Pastor Derwin said “The cross is the ‘cast’ that God uses to heal our fractured hearts.” Discuss how this is true.
3. By loving you, reconciling you, and by not condemning you so that you can treat others likewise.

### Now What?

1. Think about (worship) being incorporated into Jesus’ righteousness, all the time. Talk about how this can practically change your day—give specific examples.
2. Filter life through being incorporated into Jesus’ righteousness. Pastor Derwin used an air filter to describe how we should filter all of our circumstances (interactions with people too) through His love for us and the fact that we are given His very righteousness. How can this impact your life?
3. Stop condemning yourself. Read Romans 8:1 ESV. If God doesn’t condemn you, you don’t need to condemn yourself (or others!) Does this change the way that you think about yourself (or speak to yourself?) How?
  - God does discipline those that He loves (the same way we discipline our children whom we love). Although He gives us His very righteousness, He will discipline us if it is in our best interest. Read Hebrews 12:6-11 and discuss.
4. Give away the grace you freely received. Close in prayer by asking the Lord to help you do this.