

# Sermon on the Mount - Righteousness of Jesus

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*An invitation from God to all humanity to behold and join the story, work, and eternal worship of Jesus.*

Psalm 97:9-12

For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;  
you are exalted far above all gods.

O you who love the Lord, hate evil!  
He preserves the lives of his saints;  
he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

Light is sown for the righteous,  
and joy for the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,  
and give thanks to his holy name!



# CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

*A call to acknowledge and forsake sin against God and one another, and an invitation to receive the assurance of a new identity in the finished work of Christ.*

## CONFESSION

TOGETHER

Father, we confess we have believed the patterns of the world and have lived by them as our standard, We have built our own system of laws on what we feel is right and wrong. We confess we have neglected to hold ourselves to your higher law, where you call us to see our intentions as well as our actions.

TOGETHER

You have called us to restore unity in our relationships, but instead we sow seeds of division with gossip, anger, and offense. You have called us to sexual fidelity, but instead we have been unfaithful with our eyes, our hearts, our bodies, and our minds.

TOGETHER

Help us to turn from and cut off the source of our sin, and to treat one another, whom you have made in your image, with dignity, so that we might not lose the whole of our lives.



## **ASSURANCE**

LEADER

Brothers and sisters, through Jesus Christ, the Father has embraced us as his own.

We have been reconciled to Him and to each other.

In every way that we have failed to uphold the law-  
Christ has fulfilled it.

The righteousness we have longed for is ours in Christ Jesus.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

The old has passed away; behold, the new has come!

TOGETHER

Thanks Be to God!

For Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever,.

Amen.



# BENEDICTION

*A blessing from the authority of scripture spoken over the people of God.*

Ephesians 4:1-6

“I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit— just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”

