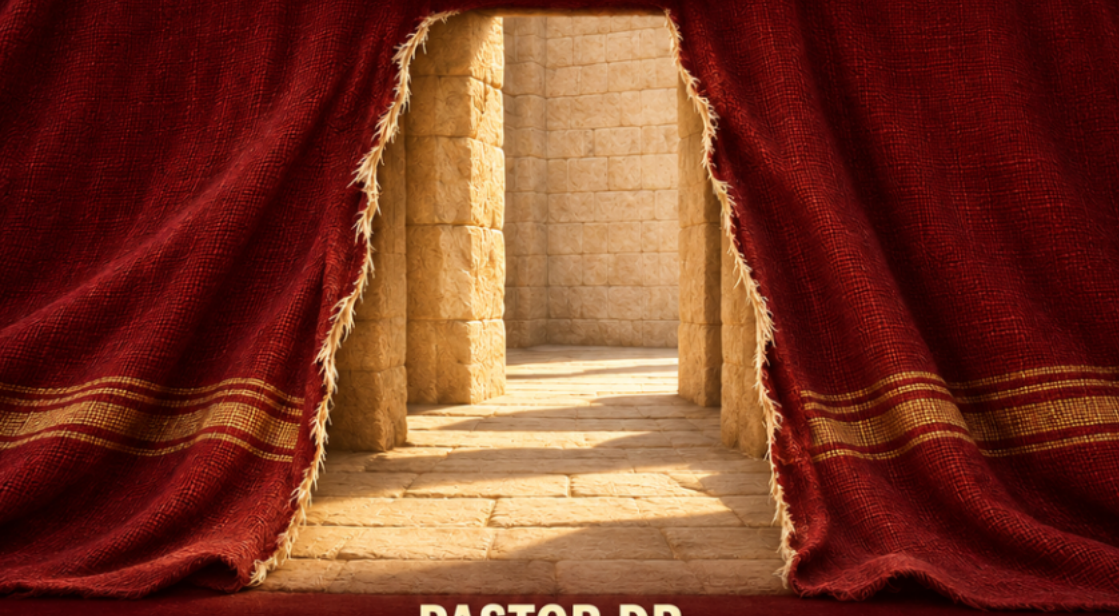
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Introduction

Beloved, the Gospel announces what God has accomplished in the Lord Jesus Christ. It tells us of His death for our offences, His resurrection and the righteousness that is available through faith in Him. This message gives the believer a sound foundation for standing before the Father and living in the world.

Righteousness is the gift of God in Christ. It is the believer's right standing before the Father and the nature of the new creation. You can stand in His presence without guilt, condemnation or inferiority because the Lord Jesus has dealt with sin and has brought you to God. You do not establish that standing by your record of good works; you receive it in Christ.

The Scriptures also show us how this gift finds expression. The one who is made righteous is called to yield to God, to walk in love and to serve righteousness. Such conduct is the fruit of the life received, not a payment by which that life is purchased. Understanding this order gives strength to faith and direction to daily living.

In these chapters we will follow the argument of Scripture: the righteousness revealed in the Gospel, the faith by which it is received, the work of Christ, the believer's access to the Father, the reign of life, and the walk that agrees with the new creation. Open your Bible and read the passages as we proceed. Let the Word itself settle the matter in your heart.