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CHAPTER 1



Righteousness

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2 Corinthians 5:21; 6:7; Galatians 2:21; Ephesians 4:24; 6:14;
Philippians 3:9; 1 Timothy 6:11; James 1:20; Revelation 19:11

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Gospel

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Romans 16:25–26; Galatians 3:8; 2 Thessalonians 2:13–14;
2 Timothy 2:8–9*

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Forgiveness

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Life

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The Cross

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Faith

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Grace

OTHER NEW TESTAMENT VOICES

Luke 1:30; John 1:14–18; Romans 5:15–21; 1 Corinthians 15:10; Ephesians 2:5–8; 1 Timothy 1:14; Titus 2:11; Hebrews 4:16; James 4:6; 1 Peter 4:10

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Fellowship

OTHER NEW TESTAMENT VOICES

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Hope

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Salvation

OTHER NEW TESTAMENT VOICES

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Peace

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Religion

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Holiness

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Witness

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