

Principles of Capacity Righteousness: Introduction: Filling of Holy Spirit: Divine Power Source; Love Is Not Emotion but Thought; 5 A's of Capacity Righteousness

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I. Introduction.

Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary. 11th ed. (Springfield: Merriam-Webster, 2003), 182, 62, 1168:

Capacity. An individual's mental ability: [aptitude: capacity for learning ("having My commandments"), 62] and [skill: ability to use one's knowledge effectively and readily ("and keeping them"), 1168]. The faculty for appreciation; the power to produce, perform, or deploy; maximum output.

1. Capacity righteousness is developed from the foundation of imputed righteousness at salvation which results in our justification before the integrity of God.
2. This is made possible by the substitutionary work of Christ on the cross which by faith the sinner is confidently assured that his sin guilt is removed.
3. Capacity righteousness becomes the objective of the postsalvation life of the believer – the prospect of acquiring the thinking of Christ so that application of His policies will result in the ability to serve God and become a good soldier for Christ.
4. The grace system of acquiring knowledge of these policies is activated by rebound and empowered by the Holy Spirit.
5. This divine power source is referred to as the filling of the Holy Spirit, a condition that is commanded of the believer in Ephesians 5:18a, "Be filled with the Holy Spirit."
6. The filling of the Spirit makes available to the believer two divine operating assets that are essential to the acquisition of divine thought: (1) human IQ is converted to spiritual IQ and (2) a grace system by which divine thought can be comprehended by the human mind is activated.
7. When the believer makes a habit out of utilizing these assets then his inventory of divine thought increases accordingly. Becoming skillful in their use results in the development of biblical problem-solving devices that assist the believer in resolving the issues that confront him on a daily basis.
8. This accumulation of divine thought results in an ever-advancing level of capacity righteousness which includes the development of personal love for God.
9. Personal love for God is not emotional. It is a disposition of mind that develops through knowledge of who and what God is. Emotion may accompany one's love for God but emotion's function is that of a responder. It appreciates the principles that define the love of God. Reciprocal love for God is based on knowledge. Emotion is a human response to that knowledge.
10. The development of capacity righteousness may be summarized by defining five words, each beginning with an A. The Five A's of Capacity Righteousness are:

- 1) **Affinity**: A natural and mutual attraction between individuals who are in agreement and conformity forming a relationship. This is fellowship with God and the filling of the Holy Spirit.
 - 2) **Attraction**: To be drawn by moral influences towards God. This is expressed by the believer's positive volition toward Bible study. The conscience is drawn toward the righteous standards of God.
 - 3) **Admiration**: To possess high esteem, reverence, and appreciation for God, His policy, and His plan. This is the mind-set of honor and respect toward God. The King James translates the word **φῶβος, phobos** with the word "fear," but the best translation related to one's attitude toward God is "reverence, respect, and honor," all reflective of one's advance in capacity righteousness.
 - 4) **Affection**: A permanent disposition of mind formed by the believer's understanding of God's essence with emphasis on His integrity made up of the attributes of righteousness, justice, and love. To know and understand God is to love Him reciprocally.
 - 5) **Adoration**: The expression of one's reverence, homage, and respect of God through worship in which He is venerated above all others. The believer has the capacity righteousness to demonstrate reciprocal love God to the maximum in all of the five elements of worship: (1) Bible study, (2) observation of the Eucharist, (3) prayer, (4) singing of hymns, and (5) giving.
11. This advance in the believer's spiritual growth results in consistent application of divine policies to life and circumstances and results in his arrival at experiential sanctification.
 12. Capacity righteousness fully developed results in true love in the believer's soul, personally for God and unconditionally for others.
 13. This is the sophisticated spiritual life and it enables the believer to know true happiness and possess capacity for blessings.