

The Pursuit of Righteousness 1/14/21

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- c. Jesus Christ offers an exchange that can only be activated by faith; His righteousness for our sin

2. By Practice:

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