

Righteousness Month

A time of humility and self reflection for the Lord

Righteousness Month is intended to be a peaceful and joyous time where a person reflects on themselves and asks the question “what does the Lord consider righteous?” Often times it seems people only do things for their own personal motives, rarely do I see people do things out of humility and honor.

I feel lead of the Lord to do this project as a way of being humble, pure and righteous before Him. Hopefully this will help and encourage others as well.

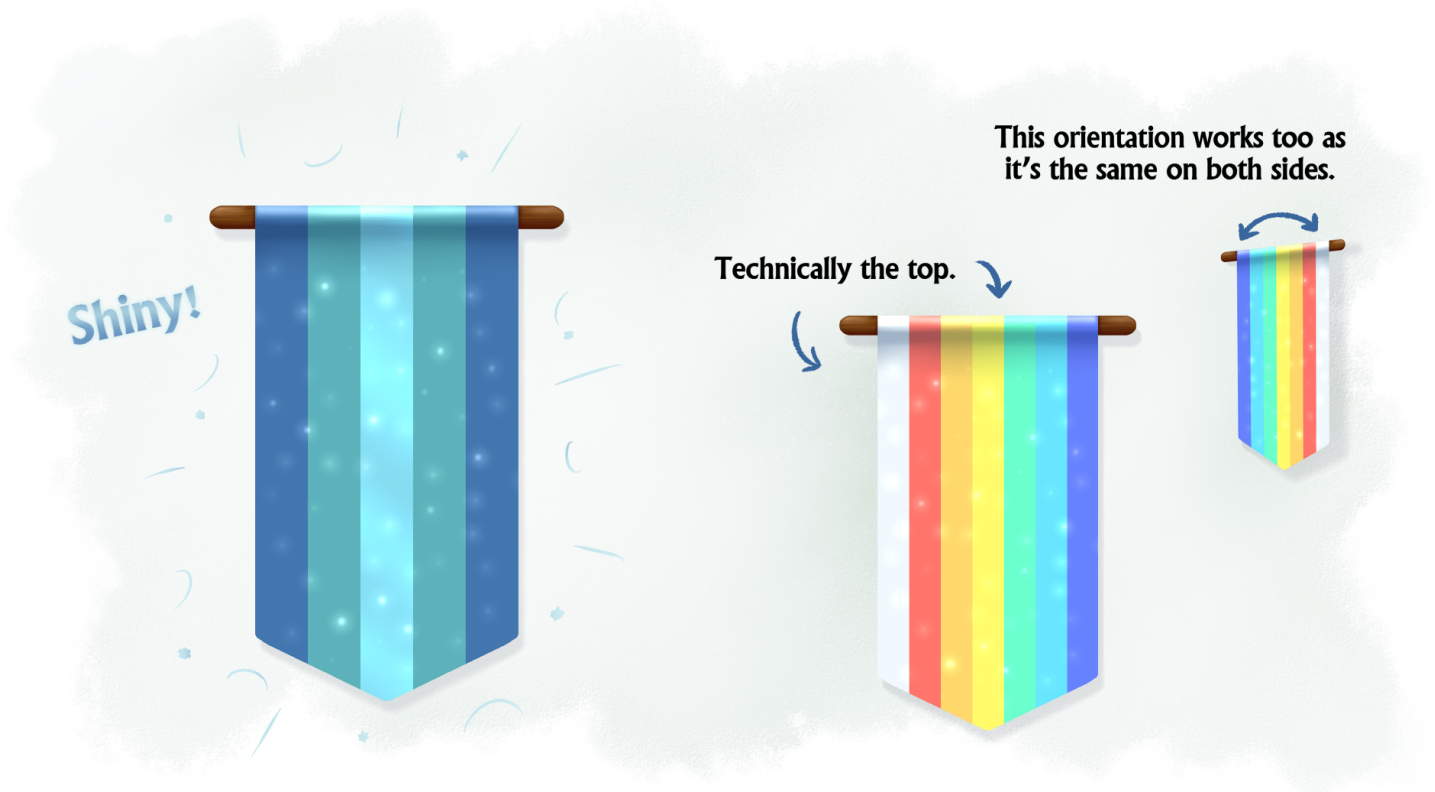
Psalm 119:7 (NKJV)

*“I will praise You with uprightness of heart,
When I learn Your righteous judgments.”*

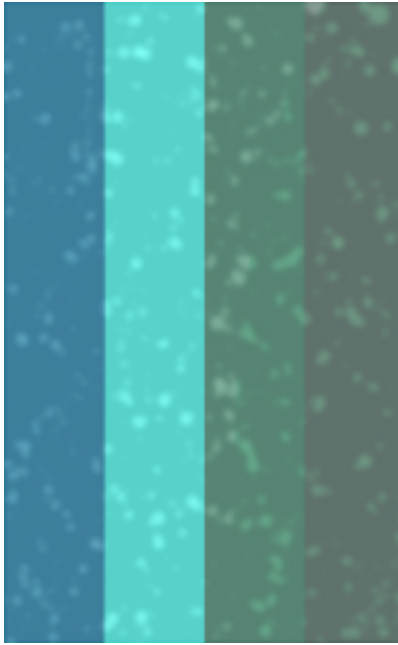
The Banners

I want to start off this by talking about the banners and their designs. These are not flags (though you can turn them over if you wish). Flags are meant to be waved around while banners are more stationary and peaceful I feel.

Most noticeably is that they are always meant to be shiny/metallic in some way or another. If crafted they should *always* be made with either metallic-like cloth or at least have some form of glitter.



These banners are not meant to be something mass marketed or overpriced material objects for money, (though if a company does want to make some that's fine). While they should be made with care and respect, I don't want people who are poor to feel excluded or for this to be seen as another gimmicky marketing ploy. At its core the banners are meant to remind people of their meaning, as well as bring a smile to your face.



Banner of Creation

You might wonder what this would have to do with Righteousness Month. The way I see it, God created every single creature and living being on the earth and beyond. God loves His creation very much. So, I feel it's only right that people should take into consideration the lives of other beings as well. Not to worship such things of course, but to care for and respect all life.

Proverbs 12:10 (NKJV)

*“A righteous man regards the life of his animal,
But the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.”*

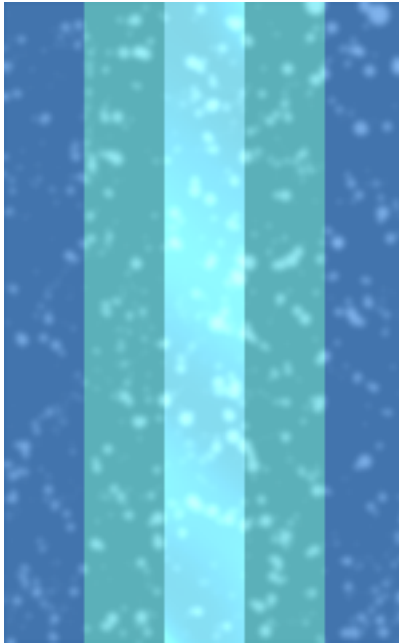
The deep blue is representative of the sky, teal the waters, the shades of green for the animals and environment in which they live.



Banner of Honor

Honor and integrity are often things that sometimes I feel people have lost. People will say things that they don't mean and create vows without any intention of keeping them.

I feel people should live honorably so that their deeds and whole life might shine like gold.



Banner of Humility

Humility is the opposite of pride. When you truly humble yourself and put other's needs before your own it leads to right living. If everyone cared about others before their own needs we would live in such a better world, a world where if one person stumbled others would turn to help rather than seek their own ways. While it is true that people should care about themselves, if you put selflove before selflessness it leads to loneliness.



Banner of Promise

Genesis 9: 11-13 (NKJV)

“Thus I establish My covenant with you: Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

And God said: ‘This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. ...’

The rainbow was originally given as a sign of promise from God, to both humans and all of creation, that He would never again destroy the earth by flood. Even despite the fact that God had to cleanse the world due to sin, He left a promise for hope that the future would eventually be restored. I wanted to preserve that as the original meaning with this.

This banner is based off a phenomenon known as a “fire rainbow”. I encountered one of these May 17 during a sunset; at first it looked like a cloud was genuinely on fire, though upon closer examination I saw that it was actually a rainbow. It wasn’t super large though I was still in awe of it.

When doing research I saw how vivid in color these fire rainbows were and really loved them. Also included is white which represents both the clouds that make up these events as well as the color that represents purity.



Banner of Purity

White represents the purity of being washed white as snow. I feel blue represents peace as well as the Holy Spirit. Meanwhile the gold is used to represent holiness or righteousness. While it is true that no human on earth can ever truly be righteous, I feel it is only honorable to strive to live a just and pure life.

Romans 12:2 (NKJV)

“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”



Banner of Redemption

Brown represents humanity, as man was originally created from the dust of the ground. Not to mention skin tones are generally various shades of brown, ranging from more peach/sand tones all the way to dark chocolate like rich soil.

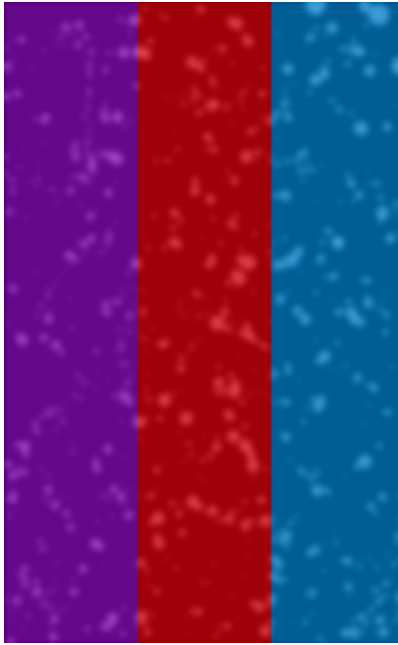
Deep black represents the void of corruption and sin.

White represents purity, being washed white as snow.

Red is the color of blood, the life-force that flows through all living things.

When the colors are placed together the whole thing reads “humanity is corrupted though washed pure by the Blood”.

This banner isn’t the most pretty in my opinion though I feel it has the most meaning out of all of them.



Banner of
Christ's Love

This banner I feel should be more reserved and set aside for the Lord in comparison to the others.

The colors were inspired from the description of God's commission for the Tabernacle.

Purple is the color of Royalty, reserved for the High King of Heaven.

Red is the Color of Blood, the color of sacrifice and unconditional love.

Blue represents the Holy Spirit, the one who gives life to all.

You could say this represents the Trinity. I wanted a banner that represented God's unconditional love, the kind of Love that lays down its life for a friend. Also a banner that marks number 7.

More Info

The concept for Righteousness Month is during the month of August.

It is a time meant for people to seek the Holy Spirit and humble themselves, thinking of other's needs before their own. The point is not to puff oneself up by being self-righteous but rather to consider how one's life affects others, both people and animals alike.

During this time it is encouraged to have picnics with friends and loved ones in places that are outside such as parks or one's backyard. Picnics are peaceful where people keep to themselves, enjoying time with others they care about. You can also take the time to appreciate God's creation from the singing birds or falling rain, (granted if it's raining you might have an indoor picnic instead... you can still look out the window).

The point is not to bother others or force ideals on them, the meaning is to show compassion, true love and live a righteous life.