

God is Righteous

II Corinthians 5:21

I. God's Righteousness Defined:

1. This means that God is perfectly good, not just sometimes, but always and forever.
2. God is light, *"and in Him is no darkness at all."* (I John 1:5)
3. God cannot have anything to do with sin. He cannot and will not let "filthy rage" come near him. (Isaiah 64:6)
4. No matter how hard we try, we cannot be good enough, holy enough to satisfy God.
5. When He says: *"Be ye Holy, for I am Holy"*, (I Peter 1:16) and we cannot – *WHAT SHALL WE DO?*
6. He knew all along that because of our depravity, we would never (in *human* ability) be able to achieve righteousness.
7. Therefore, He sent His own Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to share God's righteousness with all who wanted it (John 1:12).
8. Deity II became God in the flesh to be able to go to the Cross and pay the supreme sacrifice to provide salvation. *"For He hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."* (II Corinthians 5:21)
9. A most wonderful thing happens in a way which we will never fully understand until we get to Heaven.
10. God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, died on the cross, came forth from the grave and will save those who believe. *"For Christ has once suffered for sin, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, (μὲν – on the one hand) but (δὲ – on the other hand) was quickened by the Spirit."* (I Peter 3:18)

II. MAN'S UNRIGHTEOUSNESS REQUIRES GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS!

Since *"all have sinned and come short of the glory of God,"* (Rom. 3:23) and no one measures up to the divine standard, nor can anyone achieve God's righteousness through self-effort, each person must accept for Himself the only provision of salvation. *"The righteousness of God which is by faith in Christ Jesus,"* is available *"unto all and upon all them that believe."* (Rom. 3:22)