

# God's Righteousness

Psalm 19:7-9

## 1. Intro

1. Do you think that you are righteous? (right & fair)
2. Are you able to live under the light of God's scrutiny?
3. Thesis
  1. God is Righteous and gives us His righteousness through Jesus Christ.

## 2. In The Beginning

1. Adam & Eve (Gen 2:25)
  1. Are in a right relationship with God
  2. They communed with Him in the Garden
  3. They were clothed with God's presence (righteousness)
2. Sin entered in (3:7-8)
  1. God's presence disappeared
  2. They were ashamed
  3. His righteousness had left them
  4. Clothed them in animal skins (Gen 3:21)
    1. This looked forward to being clothed again in His righteousness (Christ)

## 3. God's Righteousness

1. What is God's righteousness?
  1. The Holiness of God applied to His relationships to other beings (right & fair)
    1. It revives the soul (7)
    2. It brings joy to the heart (8a)
    3. It gives insight for living (8b)
    4. His direction & instruction, which is a true expression of His nature, is as perfect as He is.
  2. His actions are in accordance with the direction & instruction which He himself has established.
    1. He conducts Himself in conformity with what He expects of others.
      1. Do as I do, not as I say
      2. Abraham's defense of Sodom (Gen 18:22-25)
        1. God involved Abraham in the decision.
    2. Because He acts in accordance with His own direction & instruction we can trust Him.
      1. We can enter into a relationship with Him
      2. He will not go back on His word.

## 4. Man's Righteousness

1. Definition
  1. integrity, virtue, purity of life, rightness, correctness of thinking, feeling, and acting.
2. How do we attain this righteousness?
  1. Isaiah says that our righteousness is as filthy rags (Isa 64:6)
    1. We have continued down the path that Adam and Eve started
  2. None of us are righteous (Rom 3:10-12)

## 5. Christ Imputed Righteousness

1. Our God is also the Redeemer, and his righteousness is shown by his redemptive activity.
  1. For Adam & Eve a sacrifice is made (Gen 3:21)
  2. God enters our world through Jesus Christ
  3. Christ lives a perfect life
  4. Christ is sacrificed upon the Cross
2. The righteousness of Christ is imputed to you and me when we accept the work (atonement) of Christ by faith (2 Cor. 5:21; Phil. 3:9).
  1. The righteousness of Christ allows me to have an eternal relationship with the Father.
    1. It brings me back to where Adam & Eve were.
      1. I am clothed in His righteousness.
      2. But I am also promised a place beside my Saviour, an intimate relationship.
        1. Because of His righteousness, I can rule and reign with Him.
    2. If the above is true, why do I step outside the boundaries?

## 6. Conclusion

1. God is a righteous God
2. It is His Holiness as applied to His relationship to other beings
3. We are not righteous in and of ourselves
4. Our righteousness comes from Christ who has given that to us who believe, through His atonement for sin upon the cross.
  1. It revives the soul (7)
  2. It brings joy to the heart (8a)
  3. It gives insight for living (8b)
5. We stand before God forever righteous.