



God is righteous!

Over the last 4 weeks we have seen these wonders about God.

- He is Yahweh
- He is omnipotent
- He is omniscient
- He is omnipresent

There is no one like God. When we discover the wonders of God, who He is, what He is like, and what He can do, it will cause us to have a sense of awe!

Another one of the wonders of God is found in Psalm 11:7.

Ps 11:7

7 For the Lord is righteous, He loves righteousness; His countenance beholds the upright.
NKJV

This one verse in Psalms tells us three things about God.

1. God is righteous.

What does righteous mean?

- Righteous means to be perfect morally.

God's moral laws and commands in both the old and new testament come from His righteous nature. His laws and commands are perfect.

Ps 19:7

7 The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;

NKJV

With regards to His own moral laws, God is blameless, guiltless, irreproachable, unimpeachable, and incorruptible.

God has never rebelled against His own moral laws.

God has never lied.

God has never taken something that was not His.

God has never been unfaithful to His covenants.

God has never unjustly taken anyone's life.

- Righteous means to be perfect in motivation.

To be righteous means to be pure in motivation. God is love.

Ps 136:26

6 Give thanks to the God of heaven. His faithful love endures forever.

God is never selfish.

God is never proud.

God is never greedy.

God is never lustful.

God is never short tempered.

God is never perverse in heart.

God is perfect in heart.

Matt 5:43-48

43 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'

44 But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,

45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

46 For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?

47 And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so?

48 Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

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- Righteous means to be perfect in justice.

Deut 32:3-4

3 For I proclaim the name of the Lord: Ascribe greatness to our God.

4 He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He.

NKJV



God is always right in His judgments and His actions. He has never been wrong. God's justice always fits the crime.

Because God is righteous, the apostle John said this about God.

1 John 1:5

5 This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

NKJV

Looking at perfection causes a sense of awe in us. As we learn about God's righteousness, it will cause a sense of awe in us. It is one of the wonders of God.

God is righteous!

2. God loves righteousness

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The word love used here is the word that means to be affectionate. Being righteous is not just something God does, it is what He values and cherishes. He delights in righteousness. He finds great pleasure in righteousness.

God loves righteousness!

3. God finds pleasure in those who love righteousness

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The word countenance means to favor. Beholds means to contemplate with pleasure. To be upright means to be straight rather than crooked.

Upright describes a person who loves God and is intent...

On being moral

On having the right motivation

On acting justly

God contemplates with pleasure those people who want to be righteous like Him, and He shows them favor.

- Enoch is an example of a person who was upright.
- Noah is an example of a person who was upright.
- Job is an example of a person who was upright.
- Daniel is an example of a person who was upright.
- Mary and Joseph are examples of people who were upright.

Even before God made His righteousness known through His laws and commands, He found pleasure in those who wanted to be righteous like Him.

God finds pleasure in those who love righteousness!

Psalms 11:7 teaches us that...

- God is righteous
- God loves righteousness
- God finds pleasure in those who love righteousness

How should we respond to this truth that God is righteous?

- We should be in awe.

We experience a sense of awe when we see perfection. God is perfect. The truth that He is righteous is one of the wonders of God. We should be in awe because God is awesome!

- We should feel awful

When Isaiah saw God, he said....

[Isa 6:5](#)

[5 So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The Lord of hosts." NKJV](#)

Isaiah was upright. He loved righteousness. He was a man who wanted to be righteous like God.

But when Isaiah saw what God was like, He was undone. The word undone means silenced. He was silenced because he saw the righteousness of God. He saw he had misrepresented God in those things He had said about God.

He saw how far short he was compared to the glory of God.

He remembered all those times He had violated God's moral laws.

He remembered those times he rebelled God's moral laws.

He remembered those times he had lied.

He remembered those times he had taken something that was not His.

He remembered those times He had been unfaithful to His covenants.

He remembered those times He was short tempered and had injured others.

He remembered all those times He had the wrong motivation.

He remembered those times he was selfish.

He remembered those times he was proud.

He remembered those times he was greedy.

He remembered those times he was lustful.

He remembered all those times He had not been just.

He knew that as one of God's chosen people, he had misrepresented the righteousness of God and that all the Jews had misrepresented the righteousness of God.

He knew that because God is perfectly just, they were all doomed. They would receive what they deserved. What they deserved was death and to be removed from the promised land.

Then God did something incredible for Isaiah.

Isa 6:6-7

6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar.

7 And he touched my mouth with it, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged."

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Because God is compassionate and full of mercy, God took away Isaiah's sin and cleansed him.

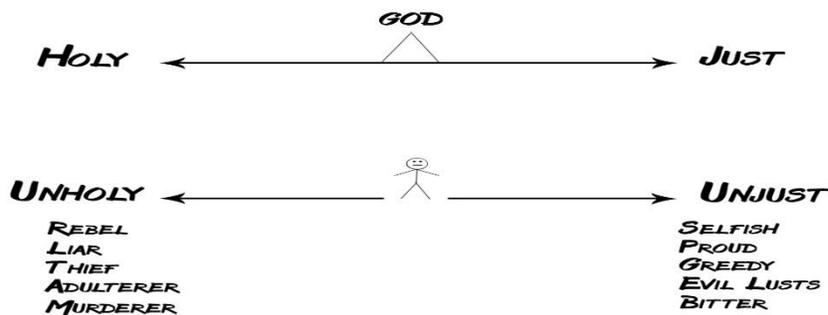
As a result of this cleansing, Isaiah responded this way to God's call.

Isa 6:8

8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

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What God did for Isaiah; God offers to the world.



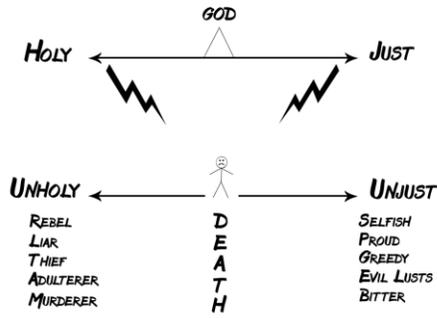
Paul said...

There is none righteous, no not one.

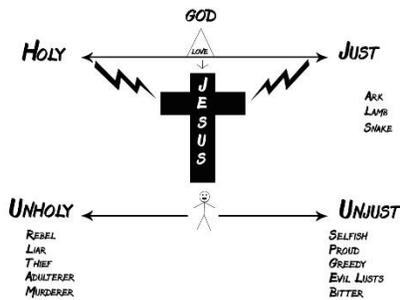
Paul said...

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

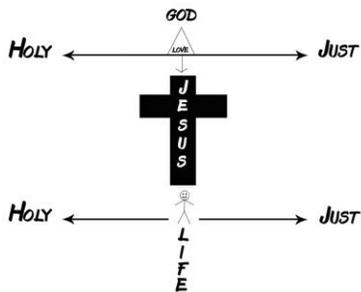
We are all going to be measured by God's perfection and be judged accordingly. No one measures up to what requires to be saved from His judgment.



Paul said....
For the wages of sin is death.



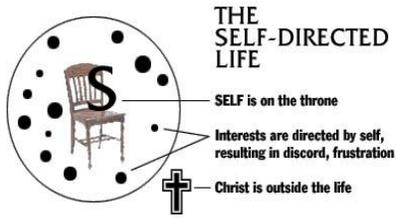
Paul said...
But commanded His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.



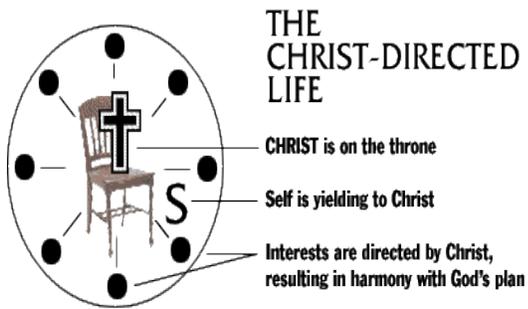
If we receive Jesus, God credits His righteousness to our account.

If we receive Jesus, God gives us the Spirit of Jesus. We will grow to love righteousness like He did because His Spirit lives in us.

Receiving Jesus means trusting in Jesus to save you from sin and letting Him direct your life.



Before we receive Jesus, self directs our life.



Receiving Jesus means letting Jesus direct our life.