

# RIGHTEOUS JUDGE

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## REVIEW

- ❖ God wants to be found.
- ❖ **HOLY**: God is Holy, completely different from everything else.
- ❖ **TRINITY**: God exists as one essence sustaining three co-eternal persons.
- ❖ **ALMIGHTY**: God can do anything he wants, and he chooses to give life.
- ❖ **TRUSTWORTHY PROVIDER**: God is the source of all good.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THOSE HE CREATED DON'T LIVE ACCORDING TO "GOOD" • JOB 4:17

## GOD IS RIGHTEOUS

**RIGHTEOUS: ALWAYS** doing the **RIGHT** thing.

A CLEAN RECORD • RIGHTEOUSNESS FLOWS FROM GOD'S GOOD CHARACTER

[[ LOGIC CHART ON THE SCREEN ]]

GOD, BY VIRTUE OF WHO HE IS, SETS THE STANDARD AT "GOOD" AND CONSISTENTLY UPHOLDS IT.

The **RIGHT** thing is the **GOOD** thing,

and God **ALWAYS DOES** it.

WHAT ABOUT ALL THE BAD STUFF? • HOW SHOULD A RIGHTEOUS GOD DEAL WITH PEOPLE?

## WHAT ABOUT US?

We are **NOT GOOD!**

Mark 10:18

GOD'S HOLINESS MEANS HIS SENSE OF GOOD IS DIFFERENT FROM OURS!

We **DON'T UNDERSTAND** good.

Romans 3:10-12

ILL: EATING AN APPLE, DRINKING A COKE, THEY OFFSET APPLE TASTES LIKE DIRT! WHY?

COKE IS ENGINEERED FOR PART OF ME. • I SETTLE FOR SMALL-MINDED GOOD.

WHAT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO? TEACH•REBUKE•PUNISH•CALL

## GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS IN ACTION

God has **REVEALED** what's **RIGHT**.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Psalm 119:137-138

GOD'S WORD SHOWS US RIGHT RELATIONSHIP

IF WE DON'T FOLLOW WHAT'S RIGHT, WE WILL FOLLOW A FALSE GOD.

WHENEVER I FAIL TO LIVE ACCORDING TO WHAT'S RIGHT, I IN THAT MOMENT VIOLATE EVERYTHING GOD IS AND JEOPARDIZE EVERYTHING HE IS TRYING TO DO IN THIS WORLD.

God **JUDGES** what's **WRONG**.

Psalm 7:11

SO WHY IS THERE BAD STUFF?

God is **PATIENT** in **JUDGMENT**.

2 Peter 3:9

Nevertheless, **JUDGMENT** must **COME**.

John 5:24-29

Everyone is judged on **BEHAVIOR**.

Some escape judgment by **FAITH**.

Revelation 20:11-15

Everyone is judged on **BEHAVIOR**.

Some escape punishment based on their **NAME**.

HOW? THAT'S NOT RIGHT! THAT'S NOT THE RIGHT THING TO DO!

God's righteousness **SURPASSES** judgment alone.

Romans 3:25-26

WILLING SELF-SACRIFICE IS EVEN MORE RIGHT EVEN MORE GOOD THAN JUDGMENT ALONE.

When Christ died, the Triune God accomplished the most right of all right things!

JESUS' DEATH FINALIZES AN ULTIMATELY RIGHTEOUS LIFE.

JESUS' DEATH EXPRESSES AN INFINITE JUDGMENT AGAINST SIN.

JESUS' DEATH INITIATES A NEW RIGHTEOUS-MAKING ACTIVITY.

## TAKE IT HOME

- ❖ I repent of misunderstanding good.
- ❖ I adopt my sense of good and right from God's Word.
- ❖ I live by faith in the grace and righteousness of Christ.