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## The Doctrine of God | Week 10

Last week we learned how God responds to our sin:

*...the soul that sins shall die... [Ez. 18:20] and ...the Lord will by no means leave the guilty unpunished...[Nah. 1:3]*

However, we also read in **Is. 33:22** that *...the Lord...will save us...*

Is God inconsistent? How can God do both: punish our sin and also save us from the punishment of our sin while remaining Righteous and just?

The answer is found in **Rom. 1:16-17**

*I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes...*

Then in **v. 17** Paul tells us that *...in it [the Gospel] the Righteousness of God is revealed...*

How is God's Righteousness revealed in the Gospel?

The Gospel is called *...the Gospel of Christ...* in **Rom. 15:19; 1 Cor. 9:12**

And God's Righteousness is revealed in the Gospel because Jesus is called *...Jesus Christ the Righteous...*  
**1 John 2:1-2**

This means that the Gospel is the Good News that God Righteously keeps both of His promises in the Lord Jesus because:

Jesus is the eternal Word of God Who was with the Father in the beginning [**John 1:1**]

Therefore, He is *...the fullness of [God] in Bodily form...* [**Col 2:9**]

He is the *...I AM...* [**John 8:58**]

He is the *...Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace...* [**Is. 9:6**]

He is *...the Son of the Most High...* [**Luke 1:32**] Who *...will save His people from their sins* [**Matt. 1:21**]

This is why we read in **2 Cor. 4:4b** that *...the Gospel of the glory of Christ Who is the image of God...*

The Gospel [is] of the glory of Christ because the glory of the Father's Righteous is displayed in Christ.

Now we need to ask: How is God's Righteousness and justice displayed in us by Jesus?

The answer explained in **2 Cor. 5:21** ...[God] made [Christ], Who knew no sin [**Heb.4:15**], to be [a] sin [offering] on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

This means that God punished Jesus for our sin ...so we might become the righteousness of God in Him...

This is what Paul was speaking about in **Gal. 2:20**

Now we must discuss how God has included us in Jesus' death to remain righteous and why God has done this, which will take us to the next attribute of God.