



Righteously Righteous

It took God's grace to fully set us free from the snare, the curse, and the judgment of sin. But did God just overlook our sin and sweep it under the rug? Did He just come and rip up the Law and never fully meet its demands? Did He curve the rules for us and just let us go free?

God forbid!

God is the God of justice. He did everything justly and perfect without wavering His own rules. He is now righteous and holy in **freely** making the sinner the righteousness of God in Christ without wavering in the integrity of His own Word; in other words, without breaking His Word.

But just because it was free for you, it does not mean it was a free lunch. Know that someone had to pay a very big price for the unmerited favor you are enjoying. Know that your sin according to the Law (God's Holy standard which cannot be curved), demanded full punishment. In other words, because of your sin, swift judgment was due.

So how can we fully harmonize the wrath of the Old Testament with the Grace of the New Testament? If He is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow, then how can we come to the conclusion that God is full of grace today and justifies the ungodly freely, but when we look at the Old Testament, God was full of anger and wrath towards the unrighteousness of men?

Psalms 89:32

I will punish their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.

This is the Father's own words saying that He will punish our transgressions with the rod, and our iniquity with stripes in the Old Covenant. How can God justify the ungodly and fully fulfill this verse without wavering in the integrity of His Word today?

Isaiah 53:5, NLV

But He was hurt for our wrong-doing. He was crushed for our sins. He was punished so we would have peace. He was beaten so we would be healed.

Jesus Christ received the rod and the stripes we deserved. Someone had to pay dearly.

A great man of God says it like this:

- "God in his infinite mercy has devised a way by which justice can be satisfied, and yet mercy can be triumphant. Jesus Christ, the only begotten of the Father, took upon himself the form of man, and offered unto Divine Justice..." - **Charles Spurgeon**

- For those that say, “God the Father did not judge sin in the body of Jesus!” If this is true, then that means Christ wasn’t a true substitute and He failed in being an offering for sin, therefore failing to be Savior, Mediator, and Redeemer.
- For those that say, “Today, God is still angry at sinners.” If this is true, then God was not truly satisfied with the work of Jesus and His blood was a common thing.

The good news is Jesus Christ was our perfect exchange. Punishment was unleashed in the body of another and fully and forever met all the demands that the Law required **as you**. You see, our Father is Love but the Law always restrained Him in the Old Covenant from freely showing His heart because He is also the God of justice. He sent Jesus to the world to justify us judicially.

A great man of God says it in this manner:

- “Justification is the judicial act of God declaring one to be righteous by imputation of righteousness to him.” - **John Walvoord**

It is not a “dysfunctional family” as some would say about the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. No, each one agreed to this mission. The Father sent the Son, the Son willingly went to the cross, and the Holy Spirit forsook Jesus at the cross the very moment all our sin came upon Him. They were all in agreement. It was a stealth operation in bringing you out!

2 Corinthians 5:18-19, AMP

18 But all things are from God, who through *Jesus* Christ reconciled us to Himself [received us into favor, brought us into harmony with Himself] and gave to us the ministry of reconciliation [that by word and deed we might aim to bring others into harmony with Him].

19 It was God [personally present] in Christ, reconciling *and* restoring the world to favor with Himself, not counting up *and* holding against [men] their trespasses [but cancelling them], and committing to us the message of reconciliation (of the restoration to favor).

At the cross God was a righteous judge in fully executing the holy justice that the Law demanded and unleashed swift wrath on Jesus. By this righteous act on the cross, God was in Jesus reconciling the entire world to Himself. Prior to this, the Father commended all judgment to the Son, but Jesus instead of judging you; He willfully became the Lamb of God in exchange for the sinner. God the Father then preceded with the sacrifice as agreed by them from the start, and unleashed the full fury. God the Father was judging our sin in the Son whom He loves. This is why love is the fulfillment of the Law because someone loved us enough to even die for a sinner.

Romans 8:32

Since he [**Father**] did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? - *Emphasis Added*

Today, know that God has been forever satisfied with the finished work of Jesus. Thank God that our Father did not spare Jesus on the cross because He so loved you.

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