

Grace Baptist LIFE Groups

Sin, Lesson 4: How can we be delivered?

Introduction/Review:

- God's standard for humans is righteousness: matching the character of God.:
- We are sinful in our actions and in our nature.
 - Romans 3:10ff, 3:23
 - Psalm 14:1 and 53:1 "There is no one who does good..."
- We sin because we are sinners.
 - Mark 7:1-5, 17-23
 - Illustration of a dog barking because it is a dog.

1. We need righteousness.

- 1 Cor. 6:9; 1 Tim. 1:9-10; 1 John 1:8, 10
- **Philippians 3:1-10**
- "It is the one who knows the stain of his sin who knows that he must have a righteousness that is not his own." James White, *The God Who Justifies*, p. 116

2. Jesus is the only One to achieve righteousness.

- Direct comments:
 - He actively completed everything He would be required to do (Matt. 3:15)
 - Ps. 40:6-8, quoted in Hebrews 10:5-7
 - John 8:29; John 15:10
- Response to temptation
 - **Luke 4:1-12**
 - Hebrews 4:15 "We do not have a great high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin."

3. Jesus exchanged His righteousness for human sin.

- 1 Peter 2:21-25 (several references to Isaiah 53)
- 2 Corinthians 5:21
- When does this happen? Mark 15:33-34

4. Effect on us?

- 2 Corinthians 5:21 we can become the righteousness of God in Him.
- This is *justification*, the legal declaration of our innocence.
- Our sinful identity has been replaced with a righteous one.