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Shepherd's Path

A Shepherd's Personal Devotions

Jesus Is the King Series, Lesson 29

Lesson Title: Get Right (Jesus Came to Make Us Right With God)

Take Home Point: Jesus covers us with his righteousness.

Warm-Up:

Picture yourself in a courtroom. The judge is about to announce a penalty, expected to be a very large fine. He clears his throat and says, "I sentence you to a fine of \$10 million dollars. However, your fine has already been paid by someone else. Your debt to society has been satisfied. You are free to go; no further action on your part is required. Court dismissed." How do you think the offender would react? What if he responded with, "That's great! But it seems too good to be true. I need to do something. Even though it's already paid, I want to pay part of it, too." Sounds kind of silly, doesn't it?

Read: Romans 3:20-26

Observation (What happened?):

How many people have sinned and fallen short of God's glory?

How can we be right with God?

Interpretation (What does it mean?):

Why do you think many people still try to be good enough by their own efforts to please God?

What more beyond belief in Jesus do we need to do in order to receive righteousness from God?

Insight:

In Romans 3:25, an interesting statement is made: "In his patience, God waited to deal with sins committed in the past." Some people wonder how God deals with those who lived before Jesus paid our penalty on the cross. Those who by faith believed in the revelation of God for their time, were made right, just as those of us who call on the name of Jesus. Genesis 15:6 says, "Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness," (NIV). Hebrews 11:2 states, "God accepted our ancestors because of their faith." Finally, 1 Peter 3:18-19 and 4:6 says, "This is true because Christ suffered for our sins once." He was an innocent person, but he suffered for guilty people so that he could bring you to God. His body was put to death, but he was brought to life through his spirit. In it he also went to proclaim his victory to the spirits kept in prison.

After all, the Good News was told to people like that, although they are now dead. It was told to them so that they could be judged like humans in their earthly lives and live like God in their spiritual lives.

Application (What does it mean to me?):

How do you demonstrate to God that you are serious about getting right with him?

Think of one person you can tell this week about what Jesus has done for you.