

Scripture Reading:

Romans 9:1-21

**God's Gracious
Provision of His
Righteousness to
Believers (Part 1)**

REVIEW

- ◆ **Half of the grace-believer's salvation consists of our position in Christ.**
- ◆ **Having been placed into Christ (baptized by the Holy Spirit), we are now seen by God as having wonderful new identity.**

REVIEW

◆ There are many facets to this new identity. We are seen by God to:

◆ Have died with Christ

◆ Been buried with Christ

◆ Been raised with Christ

◆ Ascended with Christ

◆ Be seated in Christ

◆ Completely forgiven in Christ – Eph 1:7

◆ Family forgiveness as needed while on Earth - I Jn 1:9

◆ No condemnation in Christ – Rom 8:1

INTRODUCTION

- ◆ **Another facet of our new identity in Christ is that we are now seen as absolutely righteous**
 - ◆ **Why is this absolute righteousness necessary?**
 - ◆ **How did God provide it?**

DEFINITION OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

- ◆ Acting rightly; correctly
- ◆ Who, and what, determines the criteria of what is right (correct)
 - ◆ The Creator or the created creature
 - ◆ The test of righteous action - Gen 2:9,17; 3:6
 - ◆ The failure of this test passes to all mankind – Rom 5:12

THE RIGHTEOUSNESS of FALLEN MANKIND

◇ Compared to filthy rags

◇ Isa 64:6

◇ There is not even one human who is, or was, righteous

◇ Rom 3:10; cf Ps 14:1-3

◇ Two levels of righteousness

◇ Rom 10:3; cf Deut 12:8, 13:18

GOD IS PERFECTLY AND ETERNALLY RIGHTEOUS

◇ Jehovah is righteous in all His ways

◇ Ps 145:17, cf Rom 9:17-21

◇ God's righteousness is eternal

◇ Ps 119:142

◇ Righteousness and judgment are the habitation of His throne

◇ Ps 97:2

◇ God's righteousness is the ultimate of all other concepts of righteousness

◇ Ps 71:19

CONCLUSION

God, the Creator, set the standard for right (correct) actions



Man's personal standard of righteousness cannot surpass the standard of "filthy rags"



We desperately need God to provide His righteousness for us
– and He did!

“The One, not (experientially) knowing sin, was made sin on our behalf, in order that we might come to be (the) righteousness of God in Him”

II Cor 5:21