Scripture Reading:

Romans 4:18 – 5:1

God's Gracious Provision of His Righteousness to Believers (Part 3)

REVIEW

Ps 145:17 - God is the one and only standard of what is RIGHT in

OPINION and ACTIVITY

Isa 64:6, Rom 3:10 -Fallen mankind has developed its own standard of righteousness, contrary to God's standard.

Man's need: "....to be declared righteous from all things..." Acts 13:38-39

INTRODUCTION

God's provision of righteousness did NOT come through

Our attempt to act correctly – Titus 3:5

Man's attempts to obey God stated legal standards – Rom 3:20

God's provision of righteousness has always come through imputation as a result of faith in something that God has promised

OT Imputation of Righteousness

♦ Gen 15:6 ⊗Rom 4:1-3 God and it was accounted to him for righteousness"

GOD'S PROVISION OF RIGHTEOUSNESS TO THE NT BELIEVER

◇I Pet 1:18-19

By providing a righteously qualified <u>sacrifice</u>

♦Matt 3:13-15, cf Ex 29:4

God's APPLICATION of Righteousness to the NT Believer

Convinced of God's righteous substitute on our behalf

• Jn 16:8,10

Christ bodily raised so that we could be baptized into the Righteous One

- Col 3:27 "...have <u>put on</u> Christ.." like putting on garment –
- Rom 4:25

The result of the <u>application</u> of God's righteousness to us in Christ

• II Cor 5:21, cf I Cor 1:30

CONCLUSION

One of the wonderful facets of how God sees us in His Son:



He sees us "clothed" in His Son's righteousness

That is all by God's grace, through faith, in the finished cross-work of Christ

That is where our practice of God's righteousness begins