

God. The Ultimate Humanitarian

Chapter 3: A Humanitarian to an Evil World

Things had changed. There was no more perfect world, no more perfect man. God's perfection had been thrown into chaos because of sin. The effects of that sin were not momentary or solitary. We see that Adam's son, Seth, was born in the image of Adam, which was now sinful. The effects of that sin were lasting and live on today.

When a patient goes into the Emergency Room, the doctors must first evaluate the patient in order to find out what is wrong. After, they diagnose the issue, then they can bring the proper treatment.

As we look at Chapter 3, we will see God's diagnosis of our condition. We will see that sin is a part of us, it lives in us. It is not something that we can rationalize away. Sins are terrible. Sin is not something that we can remove or work off. It does not wear off over time. It sticks to us like the foulest of things.

Only after we see our sinful condition, does the blessing of God's cure, his salvation in Jesus, show us how great the love of our God is for us.

1. What did you learn from chapter 3?
2. God's observation of the human race both prior to the flood (Genesis 6:5) and after it (Genesis 8:21) was *"that every inclination of the human heart is evil."* Notice the time frame: When were these words said?

... after the flood?

... today?
3. Why is God's observation *"that every inclination of the human heart is evil"* so difficult for us to accept?
4. How does God show himself to be the Ultimate Humanitarian in the lesson of the flood?
5. How does God show himself to be the Ultimate Humanitarian in his dealings with Noah?

6. Chapter 3 introduces us to the Bible's teaching of **righteousness**. What does it mean to be righteous?

7. What do you learn about righteousness from the following passages?

✦ Ecclesiastes 7:20. There is not a righteous man on earth who does what is right and never sins.

✦ Romans 3:20-24. Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.

²¹ But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²² This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

8. How is this biblical righteousness different from how we think we become righteous?

9. How does man think they become righteous? (work righteousness).



_____ the Ladder of Goodness

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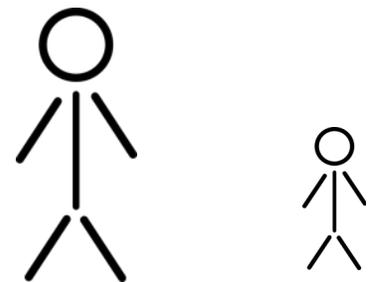
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The _____ of Justice

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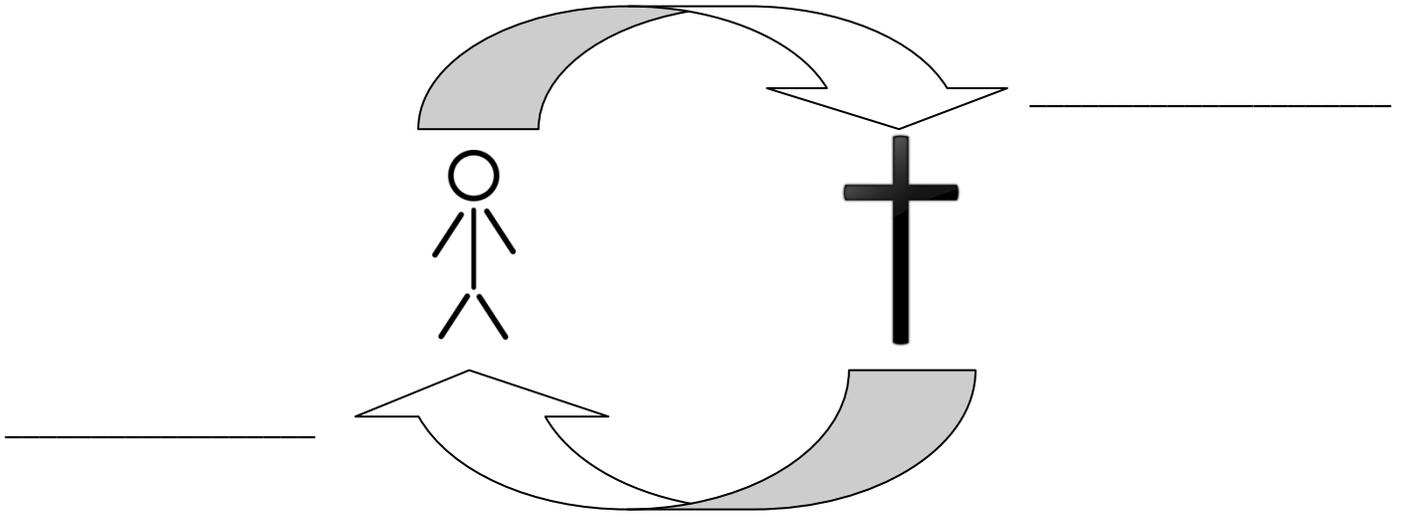
The _____ Person

Explain:

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10. The plan of salvation described in the Bible is sometimes called "God's Great Exchange." How does 2 Corinthians 5:21 explain that exchange?

✦ 2 Corinthians 5: 21. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.



11. Comment: God's greatest humanitarian act: his granting of Jesus' perfect righteousness through faith on individuals.

12. How could Noah have been considered righteous even if he was a sinner?

13. How can we be considered righteous even though we sin?

14. How were people in the Old Testament saved?

✦ Hebrews 11:7. ⁷ By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

⁸ By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹ By faith.....

15. How does the fact that Old Testament people were saved by faith, go against the claim that Jesus sets an example and shows us how to live so that we can gain heaven?

16. How does God's plan of salvation demonstrate him to be the Ultimate Humanitarian?

Assignment: Please read Chapter 4 of *God-The Ultimate Humanitarian*