

Lesson 15

Pictures of Jesus

The Lord our Righteousness



Jesus did everything the Law of God demanded and then sacrificed Himself on the cross in order to give us His righteousness. It is not our own goodness that God the Father sees. It is the goodness of His Son Jesus that God the Father sees and accepts this goodness as a gift to all who believe in Jesus.

**Jeremiah 23:6 | “This is the name by which he will be called:
The Lord Our Righteousness.”**

***Righteous:* 1) acting rightly, 2) acting according to what is right, 3) moral.** Webster's Dictionary

Why would we call Jesus our righteousness? Don't we do what is right most of the time? The answer is that even though we do what is right most of the time, we do what is wrong many times. To God, sin is a terrible thing. The sins we do ruin any good things we do.

Only Jesus, who is our Lord, lived without sin and then died on the cross for our sins. When we believe that Jesus is our Savior from sin, we accept this wonderful gift He gave us. It is not our goodness that saves us, it is Jesus' goodness. That is why we say that Jesus is our righteousness.

When we talk about our school, we say it is our school. We did not build the school or pay for it. Our school is a gift to us so that we can learn all we need to know. It is the same way with righteousness. We did not earn our righteousness or pay for our sins. Jesus did that and gave us this righteousness as a gift. It is

Jesus' righteousness that we have and which brings us peace with God.

When God the Father looks at us, He does not see the bad things that we have done. God sees the righteousness that Jesus gave us and will not punish us for our sins. That is a wonderful gift from Jesus. No one likes to be punished but Jesus took the punishment we deserved and gave us His goodness.

We must not forget what Jesus did for us. If we believe that Jesus is our Savior, we will be saved. We must follow what Jesus told us in the Bible and we must try to do what is right for His sake. We must not abuse this gift from Jesus.

PRAYER TIME

We thank you Jesus for giving us the gift of Your goodness. Because of what You did for us, we are forgiven for our sins. You took our punishment and gave us a new start. Help us to do what is right as You told us to in the Bible. Amen