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THE DEMANDS AND STANDARDS OF GOD

The justice of God, His immovable strength of character is His system of dealing with imperfect man. There is no sentimentality, concession, altruism or any weakness in His nature. The inviolable righteousness of God stands guard over the justice of God, and the justice protects God's entire essence from compromise when dealing with sinful man.

Without exception righteousness of God demands righteousness, the justice of God demands justice. What the righteousness of God demands, the justice of God executes through Divine love. The principle, the function, and the motivation of God's integrity are immutable and impartial; therefore His attributes are never violated.

No imperfection in us escapes ultimate judgment; no petite sin in escapes His attention. No blessing comes to us apart from grace.

No discipline comes to us apart from grace. What the righteousness of God accepts, the justice blesses through love and grace. What righteousness rejects, the justice condemns and the love provides a solution through grace.

All cursing and blessing come from the same source; the inevitable, final result of every function of divine integrity is the glorification of God.

In grace, God does all the work, carrying out the dictates of perfect righteousness. God receives all credits while we reap the benefits in a totally non-meritorious way.

God's standards are so infinitely high that no one can meet them but God himself. Only what God does reflect absolute righteousness. God cannot approve of or accept less than His own righteousness; He cannot bless anything less than His own standards. This is the meaning of righteousness demands righteousness.

God designed man to be prospered and blessed and to share god's own happiness. God possesses only the ultimate in happiness. His happiness is perfect, eternal and it cannot be diminished or increased. God is happy about always being entirely fair. His perfect righteousness is His glory. He recognizes His own perfection and takes pleasure in His own glory. God enjoys claiming all glory for himself simply in the interest of absolute truth.

Perfect happiness is part of God's character. It is impossible for him to be unhappy since thoroughly enjoys every facets of His own existence. For example; God is satisfied and delighted with His plan of grace. In grace, He shares His own happiness with believers through bible doctrine resident in their souls.

God's pleasure depends on His perfect character, never on human imperfect character or deeds. God cannot be happier than He already is, and nothing you can do, think, or say can make God unhappy. Man is incapable of adding or detracting from His perfect happiness.

God is neither happy with our sins or negative volition nor indifferent with reversionists. His plan calls for believers to share His happiness, not for Him to depend on yours. God wants to bless us, but He cannot since we have no righteousness that meets His demands and standards.

We are all condemned and He cannot prosper us no matter what we do. Just, there is no way we can please Him by our own.

His integrity demands that He must bless His own righteousness. So He decided in eternity past to impute His own righteousness to us at the moment we believe in Christ.

THE IMPUTATION RIGHTEOUSNESS TO MAN

The righteousness of God is the very root and center of God's essence; it is the principle behind every action God has taken toward every man since the fall of Adam. The function of divine integrity has imputed to every believer the principle of God's integrity.

At the moment of salvation, you and I were dropped in the middle of the most exclusive relationship in the whole universe –the relationship within the Godhead; between the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The integrity of God is the magnificent object of God's love, and now we have part of his integrity.

As far as the love of God is concerned, we cannot work out our way in or force our way in, but once we possess God's righteousness, He has made us the eternal objects of His love. God loves His integrity, we have the very principle of His integrity, and therefore God personally loves every believer. Justice saves us through grace and we shall remain under His grace forever.

We never earn or deserve what God's justice gives us in grace; there is no affinity whatever between the absolute righteousness of God and our status of total depravity. Divine righteousness is credited and imputed where it does not rightfully belong – the sinful men. In the same way, the sin of men was imputed where it does not rightfully belong – the perfect humanity of Christ. That is what we called judicial imputations. The cluster of two judicial imputations might be considered an exchange:

ALL THE SINS OF MEN GOES TO CHRIST,
THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD GOES TO SINFUL MEN.