

The Perfect Blend

Part 5 – The Jesus Brand of Righteousness



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This encounter with Jesus teaches us...

...something important about God

...something important about ourselves

John 8:2 - 11 (NIV)- Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.

But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

1. God is good _____

Psalms 11:7 (TLB) - For God is good, and he loves goodness. "Good" is usually translated as "righteousness" or "righteous".

Daniel 9:14 (NIV) - ...the LORD our God is righteous in everything he does.

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2. People _____

Psalms 51:5 (NLT) - For I was born a sinner—yes, from the moment my mother conceived me.

Romans 3:23 (NIV) - ...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

1 John 1:8,9 (NIV) - If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Romans 3:10 (KJV) - As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one.

Leviticus 20:10 (NIV) - If a man commits adultery with another man's wife...both the adulterer and the adulteress must be put to death.

3. Righteousness is not _____ or _____

Romans 10:3 (NIV) - Since they did not know the righteousness that comes from God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness.

Matthew 5:20 (NIV) - For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Isaiah 64:6 (NIV) - All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags....

4. Jesus _____

1 Peter 2:24 (NIV) - He himself (Jesus) bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.