

## Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

## Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

## **Sermon Series: Why Did Jesus Come and Die? JESUS CAME TO PROVIDE US WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS 2 Corinthians 5:21**

**Main Thought:** In 2 Corinthians 5:21, we learn that Jesus came to provide us with righteousness.

1. GOD IS A GOD OF \_\_\_\_\_ AND TAKES THE INITIATIVE TO \_\_\_\_\_ US. (2 Cor. 5:21; Ephesians 2:8-9)
2. GOD \_\_\_\_\_ OUR SINS TO JESUS CHRIST.
  - 1) The OT sacrifices illustrate Christ's substitutionary \_\_\_\_\_. (Lev. 16)
  - 2) Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 4:15; 1 John 3:5)
  - 3) Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ us and \_\_\_\_\_ our sins on the \_\_\_\_\_. (Is. 53:6; Romans 5:18-19; 2 Cor. 5:21)
3. GOD IMPUTES CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS TO THOSE WHO \_\_\_\_\_ IN HIM. (Rom. 5:18-19; 2 Cor. 5:21)
  - 1) Our sins are \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ's \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2) \_\_\_\_\_ we \_\_\_\_\_ the righteousness of Christ. (Matt. 5:20, 48)
  - 3) It is \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_. (Rom. 3:21-22)
4. WE HAVE A \_\_\_\_\_ BEFORE GOD BECAUSE WE ARE "\_\_\_\_\_." (2 Cor. 5:17)
5. WHAT \_\_\_\_\_ SHOULD THIS MAKE IN OUR LIVES?
  - 1) \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 5:1)
  - 2) \_\_\_\_\_ (John 10:27-29)
  - 3) \_\_\_\_\_ (Galatians 5:1)
  - 4) Live on \_\_\_\_\_ for the glory of God. (Gal. 2:20)

## **ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS**

1. Read 2 Corinthians 5:21.

2. Who took the initiative to save us from our sins? Why is this important to understand? (John 3:16; 2 Cor. 5:1; Eph. 2:8-9; Isaiah 64:6; Rom. 3:10-18)

3. How do the Old Testament sacrifices illustrate Christ's substitutionary death on our behalf? (Leviticus 16, 22:20-21)

4. How come Jesus could die in our place? (2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 4:15; 1 John 3:5; Is. 53:6; Romans 5:18-19; 2 Cor. 5:2)

5. Why do we need the righteousness of Christ? (Rom. 3:23, 6:23; Matt. 5:20, 48)

6. How are our sins exchanged for the righteousness of Christ? (Rom. 3:21-22; Eph. 2:8-9) What does it mean to have faith in Christ?

7. When a person puts their faith in Christ, the Bible says from that point on they are "in Christ." What does it mean to be in Christ? How does that impact how you see yourself and how God sees you? (2 Cor. 5:17; Eph. 1:3-14)

8. How do the following Biblical analogies help us to understand our union with Christ?

2 Cor. 4:7

John 15:5

1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19-20

1 Cor. 12:27; Col. 1:18

Eph. 5:24-25

9. What difference does it make in your life that the righteousness of Christ has been imputed to you? (See Rom. 5:1, 8:1; John 10:27-29; Gal. 5:1; 2:20)