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## The Day It Rained a Whole Lot (Continued)

This time, we want to examine the idea that it does not violate God's nature to punish sin. The old argument runs something like this, "Because God is a good and merciful God, and he would violate his nature if he punished sin." The truth is that it would violate the nature of God if he did not punish sin. J.B. Phillips a number of years wrote a book entitled Your God is Too Small. The thesis of the book is that our conception of God is of a limited God and we ignore the true nature of God.

God is very capable of punishment of sin based on his perfection. God is perfect, ultimately. There is no sin in Him, **1Jn 3:5** you know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. Christ came to this world to live a life that was sinless. He did just that. Why did Jesus have to come? He came to atone for the sins of all mankind. God had spoken long ago in Genesis 3 and told man that if he sinned he would die. Why would he die? Because the goodness of God will not allow him to tolerate the evilness of sin. It is just part of His nature. It would violate this principle of no sin in his presence. The sentence must be carried out. It was in Jesus' death, burial and resurrection, **(2Co 5:21)** For our sake he made him to be sin

who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Jesus took upon himself our sins and provided for their forgiveness in him. If a man rejects Jesus and his sacrifice by not obeying Him, he must answer for his own sin, **(2Th 1:8)** in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. It is just that simple, when one fails to obey the gospel today, he rejects Jesus' sacrifice and deserves the death God warned against in Genesis, **(Heb 10:26)** For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, **(Heb 10:27)** but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries.

God provided the way back from sin for mankind. If any person rejects that sacrifice for his/her sins then the logical consequence must follow—that soul must die. It is only as we accept the Love of God given in Christ that we can have fellowship with deity and appear sinless before God, **(Joh 3:16)** "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.**(Joh 3:17)** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

**(Joh 3:18)** Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

Thus, we see that God paid the price for sin through Jesus and grants to all who will obey the gospel the forgiveness of sin. When one rejects that payment for his/her sins, it follows that that person will be punished for his/her sins eternally. More next week.

## Announcements

We want to remember Connie's father Bobby Brown, he has been put on oxygen.

We want to welcome the Tierce family to our congregation. Gail's mother, Carol, her father, George and her grandmother, Daisy. They are located at 2125 Orr Rd., Cumming, Ga

Amanda Robinson's niece Macy Robinson is in the hospital suffering from dehydration. She is less than a year old and they do not know what is wrong with her.

The Rain Tree Village Children's home will be here either on the 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> of February to make their semi-annual pickup of food and other things for the orphans home.

We want to thank the ladies who prepared for the meal last Sunday. Your efforts are both noticed and appreciated.

Don't forget the ladies bible class project. We are making Valentine Bags for the nursing home. Check the signup sheet in the foyer for the items we need and please list what item you will purchase and the number of items you will bring. We will put the bags together on Feb.8 during ladies class.

A sheet has been placed on the bulletin board in the back to allow people to sign up to host the fifth Sunday meals here at the building. This way, we can make sure that the same people are not called upon to host the meals. Please sign up for a Sunday so we can be assured that the meals will be hosted.

We want to thank everyone who has jumped right in there and taken up the vacuum left when the Brian and Karen moved away. Keep up the work and the work of the Lord will continue to progress as He would want it to prosper.

Take a minute and pick up anything you see that needs picked up and in this way, we can keep the building neat and clean during the week. It only takes a minute and the results will amaze you.

Don't forget the Ladies Class Valentine baskets and bring anything you can to help with the effort. See Bonnie if you need to know what they need.

