

The Light - Junior Series
Lesson 106

The Right Thing to do

*Let us choose
what is right;*

*let us know among
ourselves what is good.*



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Job 34:4

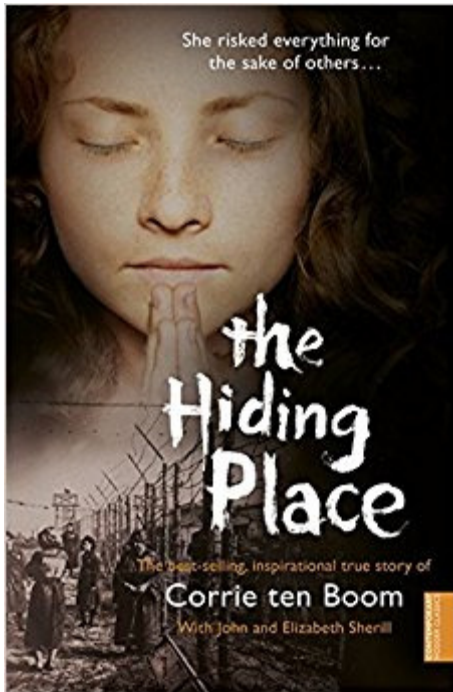
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BEFORE YOU BEGIN

If YOU have never personally believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior; you have the opportunity to do so right NOW. Simply tell God the Father that you believe in His Son, Jesus Christ, who loved us so much that He came down from heaven and became a man to take our place and pay for the penalty for all the sins of all mankind. Jesus, the Savior died on the Cross for your sins and the sins of the whole world. Then Jesus was buried but He rose again and He is alive today seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven. When you make the decision to believe in Jesus in simple faith based on His work on the Cross, you are now a believer and will always be a child of God. When you die, you will spend eternity with Him in Heaven. *(Acts 16:31) "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved." (John 3:16) "God loved the world so much that He gave is One and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."*



LESSON



This is from the book "The Hiding Place" by Corrie Ten Boom...

In the eighth chapter, Corrie's ten Boom's sister, Nollie, is hiding two Jews (Katrien and Annaliese) from the Nazis. This takes place in Holland during World War II...a horror filled time for Jewish people in Eastern Europe.

"Standing a few feet away, seemingly immobilized by some terrible emotion, was old Katrien from Nollie's house!"

"I bolted down the stairs, threw open the door, and pulled her inside." Katrien! What are you doing here? Why were you just standing there?"

"She's gone mad!" She sobbed. "You're sister has gone mad!"

"Nollie? Oh, what happened?"

"They came! She said. "The S.D.! [Nazi intelligence agents] I don't know what they knew or who told them. Your sister and Annaliese were

in the living room and I heard her!" The sobs broke out again. "I heard her!"

"Heard what?" I nearly screamed.

"Heard what she told them! They pointed at Annaliese and said, 'Is this a Jew?' And your sister said, 'Yes.'"

I felt my knees go weak. Annaliese, blond, beautiful young Annaliese with the perfect papers. And she'd trusted us! Oh Nollie, Nollie, what has your rigid honesty done! "And then?" I asked.

"I don't know. I ran out the back door. She's gone mad!"

Nollie, we soon learned, had been taken to the police station around the corner, to one of the cells in back. But Annaliese had been sent to the old Jewish theatre in Amsterdam from which Jews were transported to extermination camps in Germany and Poland where most of them were put to death.

It was Mietje who kept us in touch with Nollie. She was in wonderful spirits, Mietje said, singing hymns and songs in her high sweet soprano. How could she sing when she had betrayed another human being! Mietje relayed another message from Nollie, one especially for me: "Nothing bad will happen to Annaliese. God will not let them take her to Germany. He will not let her suffer because I obeyed Him."

Six days after Nollie's arrest, the telephone rang. Pickwick's voice was on the other end.

"The Jewish theatre in Amsterdam was broken into last night. Forty Jews were rescued. One of them, a young woman, was most insistent that Nollie know: 'Annaliese is free.' Do you understand this message?"

I nodded, too overcome with relief and joy to speak. How had Nollie known? How had she been so sure?

What would you have done, kids?



Is it ever right to lie? Is it sometimes wrong to tell the truth? What if your friend was hiding inside your home and a man who wanted to kill him came to your door and asked you where your friend was. Would you tell the truth?!!!

Sometimes in life it's hard to know the right thing to do and often it's even harder to do the right thing once you know what it is.

Do the right thing is easier said than done.

For instance...

Is it wrong to steal a drug if your child needs it to survive and stealing it is the

only way to get it for her?

How do YOU figure out the right thing to do? What IS the right thing?
How do you know?

Often the first thing we do is figure out what the WRONG thing would be, and then do the opposite. Or do nothing.

But ...

If you had to choose between killing one person to save the lives of five other people or doing nothing, what would you do?

Oh boy, this is really hard, right?!!!! As difficult as these choices are for us, the choices God made concerning us and our sinfulness were infinitely more difficult.



So that gets us to our subject, which is the righteousness of God in the book of **Romans**. Righteousness is doing that which is right or just. By the way, God's righteousness is perfect and He ALWAYS does what is right and just.

Did God do the right thing in forgiving us? Our salvation...was it the RIGHT thing to do??? This may seem like an odd question, but it gets out what it means to talk about the righteousness of God.

Our salvation...

It definitely was the merciful thing to do...

It was clearly the loving thing to do...

And the gracious thing to do...

But what is RIGHT?

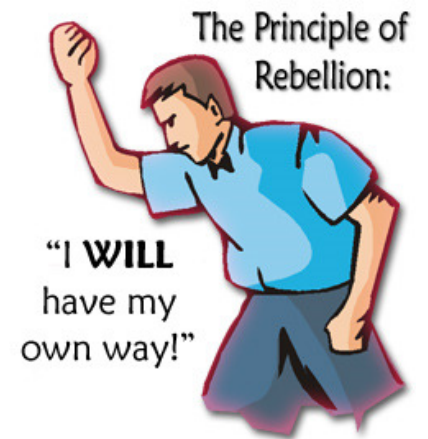


Here's a quote from the Greek philosopher, Socrates to another philosopher, Plato in 500 BC. ***"It may be that the Deity (that's God) can forgive sins, but I do not see how."***

Was it right for God to forgive us and accept us...when we were so, so sinful and very wrong? When we were rebels against Him, against all that is right and holy...is it right for God to treat us now as being right in His eyes? How do we even go about trying to make sense of that question??

Let's look at what Job thought about that in **Job 9:2b-12**. ***"...but how can a man be in the right before God? (3) If one wished to disagree with Him (God), he could not answer Him once in a thousand times. (4) Wise in heart and mighty in strength, who has defied Him without harm? (5) It is God who removes the mountains, they know not how, when He overturns them in His anger; (6) who shakes the earth out of its place, and its pillars tremble; (7) who commands the sun not to shine, and sets a seal upon the stars; (8) who alone stretches out the heavens and tramples down the waves of the sea; (9) who makes the Bear, Orion and the Pleiades, and the chambers of the south; (10) who does great things, unfathomable, and wondrous works without number. (11) Were He to pass by me; I would not see Him; were He to move past me, I would not perceive Him. (12) Were He to snatch away, who could restrain Him? Who could say to Him, what are You doing?"***

The right thing to do...most people rely on their conscience to decide. Do you remember our definition of the "conscience" in our last lesson? Let me refresh your memory: our conscience tells us what is right and wrong. Our free will sometimes listens to it and sometimes it does not. If it does not listen to what is right, then it rebels against God.



Some people just rely on what others think. Then again, a lot of people figure if it's legal it's right.

As Christians, knowing the right thing to do ultimately comes down to what God says is the right thing to do and we learn that in our Bible.

God is PERFECT and always true. We look to God as the basis for our deciding what is right and what is wrong.



But how does God decide? He cannot appeal to anyone else. He's the highest authority...our Supreme Ruler. What does God use to determine the right thing to do?

Should we even be asking that question?

The short answer is He uses Himself! Remember He is perfect in being and in wisdom. HE IS RIGHTEOUS...PERFECT GOODNESS. He CANNOT do the wrong thing.

It's like what President Harry Truman put on his desk in the White House as the answer to all the politicians he saw passing the buck (not doing their job) on making tough decisions: "the buck stops here."



When it comes to what is right and what is wrong, the buck stops with God.

We can say we stand for one thing, and then go out and do the opposite and think little of it.



God CANNOT DO that...He CANNOT EVER do that. Do you realize that if God did that just once, the whole universe would fall apart?

There is an anchor holding up this entire universe and that anchor is the righteousness of God because if God ever made a mistake, why there would be nobody else that could come in and make things right!!!!

He is the guardian of all that is right and holy. There is no one like Him!



What is the right thing to do about a sinner? A sinner who is in open rebellion against God? What is the right thing to do with an enemy of all that is right and holy...GOD?

Adam knew he had turned on God. The angels knew, too! And WE KNOW.

So back to doing the right thing...

You know for us, isn't it true that sometimes doing the right thing is the hardest thing to do and it hurts and costs us. It sometimes does.



Yes, in the past you may have thought you were doing the right thing and even doing it sincerely and with passion and even lovingly...but it was NOT really the RIGHT THING to do...it was actually the WRONG thing to do! This will not do and it will eventually be exposed for the wrong thing it is.

Doing the right thing sometimes is the hardest thing to do and it's going to hurt us and cost us something but it IS worth it.



Well it turns out that when it came to sinful mankind, doing the right thing would turn out to be a very costly thing for God to do yet HE DID IT ANYWAY.

"God is perfect in every way.
He will never change.
He can meet our every need.
Nothing on earth can provide
what God can provide."

-Colleen Swindoll
ReframingMinistries.com



You see God's righteousness means this: He's PERFECT and His righteousness is in perfect consistency with His own perfect and blessed nature. He will NEVER do the wrong thing. It is impossible for Him to do the wrong thing.

As it concerns us, it is His consistency with His PERFECT nature in His dealings with others. With us. And what a nature He has!

We do wrong things all the time and figure it's no big deal. God will NEVER do that...EVER!

God looks at the marvel of who He is and will always act consistently with His PERFECT nature. In other words He'll never do anything wrong regarding His creation...mankind...US!

Some of the most wonderful things about God being God are that He is PERFECT love, He is Holy, He is Truth, and He is Just.

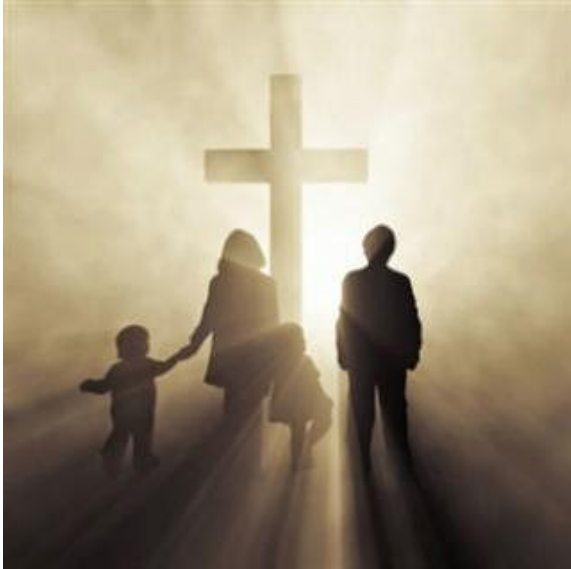
God considered who He is, and realized some things about His pending actions concerning the human race...

If I wipe them out without first trying to rescue them, where's the love in that?

But if I excuse them, that's just not holy or just.

Besides, I already declared the truth that the wages of sin is death. I will not go back on that.

So our rebelling brought things to a head for God and made it a guarantee that it would cost Him dearly to now act consistently with His PERFECT nature in His dealing with sinful mankind.



Even though it would cost Him dearly, He did it anyway. He paid a mind-blowing price. He paid with the blood of His precious Son, JESUS. He sacrificed His PERFECT Son and paid our debt.

Was our salvation the right thing to do? YES ABSOLUTELY! The cross magnifies the majesty of God like nothing else ever could.

Our salvation , through the death, resurrection and session of our Lord Jesus

Christ, leading to the justification of all who believe, is not only the right thing, it is actually in our salvation that the righteousness or perfection of God was most wonderfully and fully revealed. Justification means we who believe in Jesus are PERFECT and blameless in God's eyes just like His Son, Jesus.

He did it because it was the MOST right thing ever to do. MOST right because it took all that God is in His nature and brought it all fully to bear on getting this so great salvation done.

And because it was the right thing to do, it will survive any examination. It will not be undone. IT WILL HOLD UP FOREVER! Thank you, Father.

God takes being God seriously. THAT's what the righteousness of God is all about.

Let's look at **Rom 5:20-21**. **"The Law came in so that the transgression would increase (that mankind would know they are sinners); but where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more, (21) so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."**

God has dealt with us righteously (He did the RIGHT thing) at the cross, in His Son, meaning He acted in accordance with His love AND His holiness AND His truth AND His justice.



SATAN

Satan has no ground whatsoever for questioning God's decision to save mankind. And he has no grounds whatsoever for ever objecting to the greatest of blessings that God gives us, when everyone knows full well we don't deserve them at all.

Satan will never again have a legitimate basis for accusing us of anything because the cross of Christ is where all of Satan's arguments went to die. Satan was defeated at the cross.

Col 2:13-15 "When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him (Jesus), having forgiven us all our transgressions (sins), (14) having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. (15) When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities (Satan and his demons); He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him (Jesus)."

Jesus Christ died for us because of the righteousness of God. In other words, God did the right thing because He is just so He had to save us the RIGHT way!

For the same reason, God did the right thing in raising Jesus from the dead and seating our Lord at His Right Hand.

When we believe in Jesus we acknowledge the righteousness of God.

SO... God is acting righteously when He accepts us and declares us to be righteous in His sight because Jesus was PERFECT righteousness, sinless perfection and the ONLY ONE who could take our place. **Rom 3:21-26 "But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been shown, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, (22) even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; (23) for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (24) being justified as a gift by**

His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; (25) whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. *This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because of the patience of God He passed over the sins previously committed; (26) for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.*"

Jesus covered salvation with His perfect Person and sacrifice in our place. God would only accept a PERFECT solution and Jesus was it. God did the RIGHT THING.

God's holiness was glorified (praised) in the full judgment of mankind's sin.

Not only did God's perfect righteousness and justice bring salvation to us but God's love for the sinner is brought forth as nothing else could have shown it. What a spectacle for the whole universe!!! This display will hold good for all of eternity.

God declares righteous the ungodly man or woman who believes in the death of Jesus Christ on the cross.

God is always righteous...
 God acts in righteousness toward Himself.
 God acts in righteousness toward Christ.
 God acts in righteousness toward us.



Just as it would have been unrighteous for God not to raise His Son from the dead after His Son had completely glorified Him in His death on the cross...so it would also be unrighteous for God not to declare righteous in Christ all those who believed in Christ alone for salvation.

It's all the right thing to do. It's definitely the right thing to do. God was right to save us. God was right to forgive us. God was right to grace us out.

What do we say to these things? Do the RIGHT THING! Glorify our righteous God by taking in all the righteous grace blessings He has for us! Fill your soul with His Word every day!! LOVE HIM with all your heart, soul, mind and strength.

Ask your mom or dad, whoever is helping you learn this lesson, to go on the internet and find and play this song for you. ([Carly Simon - The Right Thing to Do Lyrics | MetroLyrics](#)) Then read the words to this great song from the 70s and read it like God is singing it to you tonight and then you go sing it right back to Him!

*There's nothin' you can do to turn me away
Nothin' anyone can say
You're with me now and as long as you stay
Lovin' you's the right thing to do
Lovin' you's the right thing*



*I know you've had some bad luck with ladies before
They drove you or you drove them crazy
But more important is I know you're the one and I'm sure
Lovin' you's the right thing to do
Lovin' you's the right thing*

*And it used to be for a while
That the river flowed right to my door
Making me just a little too free
But now the river doesn't seem to stop here anymore*



*Hold me in your hands like a bunch of flowers
Set me movin' to your sweetest song
And I know what I think I've known all along
Lovin' you's the right thing to do
Lovin' you's the right thing
Lovin' you's the right thing to do
Is the right thing*

*Nothing you could ever do would turn me away from you
I love you now and I love you now
Even though you're ten thousand miles away
I'll love you tomorrow as I love you today*



I'm in love babe

I'm in love with you babe.

Close in prayer.

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