



What God Requires, He Provides

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Truth for Life

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(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one. Romans 3:10-12

We are hopelessly, helplessly lost. Unless Christ saves us from our sins, we're sunk. Since He is God and we're not, we have no ability to fix our hopeless situation. Yet, God desires us to know Him and to share in His Kingdom. Thus, He brings us to a place where we have nowhere else to turn. He demands purity from impure people and then He provides what we could not. He offers His provision to all who would trust Him and choose to follow Him.

An Old Testament Picture – Genesis 22

- A. God _____
- B. God _____
- C. God _____

A New Testament Fulfillment – John 1:29

- 1) God Saw ... Our _____
- 2) God Demanded ... _____
- 3) God Provided ... A _____ to take away our Sin

Eternal Truths –

- 1) As Sinners ... We are _____
- 2) As for a Sacrifice ... We have _____ to Offer
- 3) As for God's Provision ... It's _____
- 4) As for Grace's Application ... It's _____
- 5) As for Salvation ... It's Only by _____

1. In 30 seconds or less, write down five words you would use to describe God? If you were asked this same question five years ago do you think your answer would have been any different? Why?
2. Read Deuteronomy 6:1-9; 6:24-25; and Matthew 5:48. According to these verses, what does God require of us? How close to His requirement do we have to come? If we are 80% there, is that good enough? Why or why not?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:21, Hebrews 4:15, and 1 Peter 3:18. What do these passages tell us about Christ? About His morality or right living? About His death? Was His death justified? Did He deserve to die? Why did He die, who did He die for?
4. Reflecting back upon the story of Abraham and his willingness to offer his son as a sacrifice, read Hebrews 11:17-19. How large was Abraham's faith in God? Why would God ever ask him to make such a sacrifice? Why would God ask Abraham to do such a huge and difficult task? What did God see in Abraham before the test that Abraham may have never known about himself had the test not been given? As you examine your own life, what does God see in you?
5. Here are some more challenging questions that will be great to ponder among your small group.
 - a. Someone asks you, "Is God fair to punish sincere, relatively "good" people forever in hell?" How would you answer?
 - b. Is it enough to explain in general terms that we all have sinned? How can we properly use God's Law to show lost people their true guilt before God?
 - c. Can a person be saved by believing in Christ as one who will give them a better life, without realizing his guilt? Or, must he be convicted of sin before he can trust in Christ as Savior?
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B. God Demanded

C. God Provided

A New Testament Fulfillment – John 1:29

1) God Saw ... Our Sin Wrecked Lives

2) God Demanded ... Perfection

3) God Provided ... A Perfect Lamb to take away our Sin

Eternal Truths –

1) As Sinners ... We are Dead

2) As for a Sacrifice ... We have Nothing Perfect to Offer

3) As for God's Provision ... It's G R A C E

4) As for Grace's Application ... It's Faith

5) As for Salvation ... It's Only by God's Gift

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