

Lesson 4 The Punishment of Sin

Review

- The gospel is God's way of redeeming us and satisfying the penalty for our sins; he put that penalty upon his Son, Jesus, who died for our sins, was resurrected, and ascended to enthronement at the Father's right hand, where he awaits for the appointed time to return and render judgment and eternal life.
- Sin, the remedy for which the gospel was necessary, is learned through the law; specifically, we receive a knowledge of sin through the condemnation of the failure to keep all of God's commands.
- Sin entered into the world as a result of Adam's disobedience; another consequence of Adam's sin is that death comes to all, because all have sinned.

What do the following passages teach about God's justice, expectations concerning his commands and mercy?

- Psalm 103:1-18; Exodus 32:1-34:28; Nahum 1:1-8

If we are unable to keep God's commands because of our propensity to sin, does that mean God placed an unrealistic expectation upon humanity?

- Genesis 1:26, 27; 1:31; 3:1-7; Romans 5:12; Ephesians 2:1-5; 4:20-24

Thus, God created human beings able to keep his commands; but sin, when it entered the world through Adam's disobedience, corrupted that ability. If the corruption of sin is not directly our fault, will God still hold us responsible for sin?

- Hebrews 9:27; Deuteronomy 27:26; Galatians 3:10; Romans 1:18

If we know we will not perfectly keep God's commands, why should we try?

Why does God hold us accountable for sin?

- Psalm 5:4-6; Romans 2:1-5; 3:21-26; Deuteronomy 30:15-20

If, then, God is just, and we are to be held accountable for our sins, what hope do we have?

- Exodus 34:5-7; Romans 3:21-26; 6:1-8, 20-23

We must always rely on the gospel and faith that trusts in Jesus. *How would you explain the concepts of these four lessons to a friend who is searching for meaning in life?*