

| THE PREDICAMENT | THE DILEMMA | | THE SOLUTION |
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| <p>All have</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - sinned (Rom. 3:23) - become unclean (Isa. 64:6) <p>All are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - guilty sinners (Rom. 5:8) - under the curse (Gal. 3:10) - dead in their sins (Eph. 2:1) - enslaved to Satan (2 Tim. 2:26) - enemies of God (Rom. 5:10) - ungodly (Rom. 1:18) <p>Not one can</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - submit to God - please God (Rom. 8:7-8) - come to Jesus (John 6:44) - make himself right - change his spiritual condition - help himself in any way <p>All must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - pay sin's penalty (Rom. 6:23) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - death (Eze. 18:4) - eternal hell (2 Thess. 1:8-9; Rev. 20:15) <p style="text-align: center;">THIS IS A PREDICAMENT <u>WITHOUT</u> A HUMAN SOLUTION</p> | <p>How can a just God pardon the wicked?</p> <hr/> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 48%;"> <p>God is LOVE (1 John 4:8)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - He loved the world (John 3:16) - His love is <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a refuge for men (Ps. 36:7) - everlasting (Ps. 106:1) <p>God is GOOD (1 Chron. 16:34)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ready to forgive (Ps. 86:5) <p>God is MERCIFUL (Ps. 145:8)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - He saved us according to His mercy (Titus 3:5) - in His mercy He redeems (Isa. 63:9) <p>God is GRACIOUS (Ps. 145:8)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - He will not be angry forever (Jer. 3:12) - He turns to the afflicted - He answers their cry (Ps. 25:11; Ps. 4:1) </div> <div style="width: 48%;"> <p>God is HOLY (Exo. 15:11)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - He is the Holy One (Prov. 9:10) - in Him there is no <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - evil (Ps. 5:4) - unrighteousness (Ps. 92:15) - darkness (1 John 1:5) <p>God is RIGHTEOUS (2 Chr. 12:6)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - He loves righteousness and justice (Ps. 33:5) - uprightness is His scepter (Ps. 45:6) <p>God is JUST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - He shows no partiality - all His ways are just (Deut. 10:17; Deut. 32:4) - He loves justice and will do no injustice (Isa. 61:8) - He is the Judge who always deals justly (Gen. 18:25) </div> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>1. If God, being loving, good, merciful and gracious, simply forgives sinners, He is no longer holy, just or righteous!</p> <p>2. If God, being entirely just and righteous, exercises His justice upon the wicked, no one can possibly be saved!</p> </div> | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - because God is just the guilty cannot be pardoned until God's requirements are met (Prov. 17:15) - Jesus, the Son of God, became a man, came to earth and lived a life of perfect obedience (Gal. 4:4; Phil. 2:5-8) - according to the plan and will of God He was crucified (Acts 2:23) - on the cross He took the place of the guilty and their sin was imputed to Him (2 Cor. 5:21) - He bore the full weight of God's wrath for them (Gal. 3:13; Matt. 27:46) - His death fully paid the wages of sin and appeased the wrath of God (Rom. 3:23-26) <p style="text-align: center;">↓</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In this way sinners can justly be justified and forgiven</p> |