
Session 4: The Provision

We are in the path of God's wrath.

*The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness,
Romans 1.18*

*But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed.
Romans 2.5*

We need a Savior...

But what kind of Savior do we need?

Popular assumption

- If we view sin as a _____
- Then the solution is to _____ our behavior.
- We need a savior who can _____ change our behavior.

Our problem: We are _____ to sin.

Review: How sin works to keeps us enslaved

- Sin has put us to _____.
 - Sin _____ us.
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- Sin _____ us.

- Sin _____ us from God.

The _____ of Sin's plan...

- Sin has _____ his enemy.
- Sin has assumed that the _____ between us and God was too _____.
- Sin did not count on the fact that God still _____ us.

If slavery to sin is our problem, then....

- We need a Savior who can _____ us from slavery.
 - We need a Savior who can get past Sin's _____.
 - We need a Savior who can _____ us from God's _____.
 - There is only _____ to escape the grip of sin.
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God has provided the _____ Savior.

*You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Romans 5.6-8*

The Savior God provides: How Christ's death helps us.

God supernaturally – and literally – _____ us with Christ.

*If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.
Romans 6.5-10*

• Whatever _____ to Him, _____ to us.

✦ We are united with Christ in His _____.

His death satisfies the penalty for our sin (Romans 3.25)

✦ We are united with Christ in His _____.

His resurrection imparts Christ's righteousness to all who believe.

We now have a new _____.

*In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God...For sin shall not be your master...
Romans 6.11-14*

We, who once were dead to _____ and alive to _____, are now dead to _____ and alive to _____.

*When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness.... But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God
Romans 6.20-22*

Sin: They're my slaves – you can't just take them!

God: You're right. That's why I purchased their freedom.

Sin: But they broke your law. You can't just let them off!

God: You're right. But my Son paid their penalty. My justice has been satisfied.

Sin: Their rap sheet is a mile long!

God: You're right. But once my Son took their punishment, their entire record of sins was completely erased. Its as if they never committed a single sin.

Sin: But they hate your guts.

God: You're right. But now that your power is broken, your lies have been exposed. We're friends now.

Sin: After all they've done, they'll always be second class citizens to You.

God: Not true. In fact, I've adopted them. They belong to me and all that I have is theirs.

Sin: Haven't you seen them lately? They aren't doing very well. Looks like you wasted your effort.

God: I have noticed. They won't fail, because I won't let them. I won't give up on them. I guarantee that when they join me in Heaven they will be conformed to the likeness of my Son. I always finish what I start.