Christian Doctrine God (Part 11)

Attributes: What Is He Like?

God Is Righteous and Just

What Does This Mean?

- There is nothing in God's <u>nature</u> that violates His perfect ethical and moral standard.
- God is always right and just in His <u>relationships</u> and <u>dealings</u> with people.

Where Do We See This in Scripture?

- Pharaoh acknowledged "This time I have sinned; the Lord is in the <u>right</u>" (Ex. 9:27).
- Speaking of God, Moses said, "His work is perfect, for all his ways are <u>justice</u>...just and upright is he" (Deut. 32:4).
- After the leaders of Israel faced God's <u>judgment</u>, they acknowledged "The Lord is righteous" (II Chron. 12:6).
- "The Lord is <u>righteous</u>, He loves righteous deeds" (Ps. 11:7).
- "Righteousness and justice are the <u>foundation</u> of his throne" (Ps. 97:2; note Acts 17:31; Rev. 16:7).
- God punishes the <u>guilty</u> and helps the <u>innocent</u> (Ps. 7:8-11).

What Does This Mean for Me?

- ⇒ We must recognize that the just <u>punishment</u> we deserve for our sin was taken by Christ on the <u>cross</u>. He took our place, and for that we are forever indebted to Him.
- ⇒ God's righteousness is revealed through <u>rewards</u> for obedience. We must remember that God sees and rewards our righteous actions (note <u>Heb. 6:10</u>).
- ⇒ The fact of God's righteousness and justice gives us confidence that, in the end, what is good and <u>right</u> will prevail over what is <u>evil</u>.