

HomeWord[®] For Parents

Jesus lived a life of perfect obedience to His Father and to the Law of God. He was without sin. Even as a young child, He understood He was to be about His Father's business and perfect will (Luke 2:49). He was subject to His parents and obeyed them in absolute submission (Luke 2:51). Throughout His life, though tempted in all points as we are, Jesus did not succumb to the temptations, but lived a life without sin (Hebrews 4:15). This perfect obedience demonstrated perfect righteousness (1 John 2:1). He alone lived fully righteous before God the Father.

The perfect righteousness of Christ is something God demands, but we could never acquire because of our sin nature. We have sinned and fall short of God's glory (Romans 3:23). We were born in sin, and in our own strength will never overcome it. God hates sin (Psalm 5:4) and cannot look on it because He is pure and holy (Isaiah 6:3). And yet, Jesus tells us that we are to be perfect, just as our heavenly Father is perfect (Matthew 5:48).

Jesus's sinless life of obedience fulfilled the righteousness God required (Matthew 3:15). And the very righteousness that only Christ could attain is available to us—to all who believe—through faith in Jesus Christ (Romans 3:22). Our faith in Jesus Christ makes us righteous in God's sight. In fact, God imputes Christ's righteousness to us when we place our faith in Him. "Imputes" means that God looks on Jesus and applies Jesus's righteousness to us.

The Bible says our sin was laid on the sinless Son of God, and Christ's righteousness was credited to our account (2 Corinthians 5:21). As He suffered for our sins, He made the payment that was due from our account so that the justice of a holy God could be satisfied. With the righteousness of Christ applied (imputed) to us, we are seen as perfect by the holy God. We are not yet perfect in our obedience to Him, however. But through the Holy Spirit, believers will continue to be conformed to the image of Christ.

Go to the Online Resource Page for more information.

OutWord[®] For Family Discussion

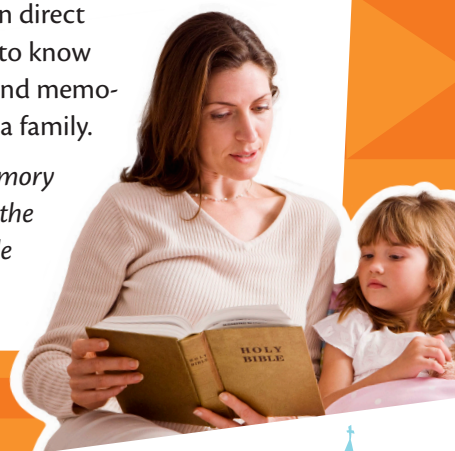
What if you heard a friend say he thought that he could please God by being good and doing nice things for others? **What could you say?**

The Bible says there is nothing good we can do to satisfy God's wrath for committing even just one sin—not even if we do a million good things. But God sent someone to make a way for us to escape God's judgment. Jesus, who is God, became a man and lived a perfect life. He never sinned even once. Because Jesus was perfect, He could take the sins of believers upon himself on the Cross, so that those who believe, repent, and trust in Him would be forgiven. Not only did Jesus take the sins of these believers, and endure the punishment for those sins, but God also places Jesus's righteousness onto those who believe. That is an amazing "great exchange." Because of that "great exchange," when God looks at the heart of a repentant believer, that believer is counted righteous, forgiven, and blameless through Jesus Christ's perfect life.

inWord[®] For Family Study

"Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path" (Psalm 119:105). You want your children to walk in God's way, on His path. Only His Word can direct them. Help them to know His Word. Study and memorize it together as a family.

Begin with the memory verse in the Learn the Word section inside this handout.



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KEY THEME

- Jesus is God in the flesh.

KEY PASSAGES

- Luke 2:45–49
- John 6:38
- Hebrews 10:7
- Philippians 2:8
- 2 Corinthians 5:21



What You HEARD in the Word

- Jesus lived in perfect obedience to His Father's will. He never sinned.
- Because Jesus was sinless and perfect, He could take the punishment of all believers upon Himself on the Cross and give His perfect righteousness to those who believe.

Ask your child these questions from today's lesson.

- 1 Who was the only person who never sinned His whole life?
- 2 What did Jesus take upon Himself on the Cross?
- 3 What does Jesus give to all believers so they can stand before God without fear?



1) Jesus. 2) Sin. 3) His righteousness.

Read the Word with Mom & Dad

- Monday** (Luke 2:46)
Where did Mary and Joseph find Jesus? What was He doing? Who was He with?
- Tuesday** (Luke 2:47)
What did the people think of Jesus as they listened to Him?
- Wednesday** (John 5:30)
Whose will did Jesus seek to do?
- Thursday** (John 6:47)
What will Jesus give to people who believe in Him?
- Friday** (Hebrews 4:15)
This verse tells us about something Jesus was without. What was it?
- Saturday** (Philippians 2:8)
What did Jesus's perfect obedience lead Him to? (Your Memory Verse)

Learn the Word!

And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.
Philippians 2:8

Lesson Word Search

Find the words from this lesson and the memory verse in the puzzle and circle them.

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HIMSELF	JESUS	EXCHANGE
DEATH		

LIVE the Word with Johnny and His Dad

How could Jesus obey all the time?

Well, who is Jesus?

Jesus is God.

That's right. Because Jesus is God, He was able to obey perfectly and never sin.



Jesus's Perfect Obedience

Make your way through the maze to the other side. There is only one way! Pick up the letters along the path to fill in the blanks in the question below.

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SNEAK PEEK

How did Jesus overcome temptation? Come next week to find out!

What is the "great exchange"?

All the _____ of believers were placed on _____, and His _____ righteousness was _____ to them.

ANSWER: All the sins of believers were placed on Jesus, and His perfect righteousness was given to them.