

Shepherds' Conference  
Friday, March 11, 2016  
Special Music — Lisa Martin, "Show Us Christ"

2 Corinthians 5:20-21  
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We are ambassadors. How can it be? He has made us sons. And if that were not enough — ambassadors, of Christ, of His own dear Son. There is such majesty in that. There is such beauty in that.

How can God be just and still justify the wicked?

- ✓ Exodus 34 — He forgives iniquity but will not leave the guilty unpunished
- ✓ Psalm 32 — How can a holy God cover sin? David should die — and all unrighteous men with him.
- ✓ Proverbs 17:15 — anyone who justifies the wicked is an abomination to the Lord. So how can God justify the wicked? This is the great question.
- ✓ Micah 7:18-19 — This verse makes no sense unless it is interpreted Christologically. The answer to the dilemma is that God took our sin off of us and put it on Christ and trampled Him underfoot. The only way that God can be just and justifier of the wicked is because of the pure, righteous, satisfying sacrifice of Christ.

In light of that, look at 2 Cor. 5:21 — He made Him who knew no sin to be sin... What does it mean that Christ was made sin? And what does it mean for us to be righteous?

The moment we trusted Christ we were legally declared to be right with God and God treats us as right with Him. He is not a judge, but Father (for these who believe).

On the cross, Christ is legally declared to be guilty and treated as such. That's what it means for Him to be made sin. Note Gal. 3:10-14. This is the source of all piety. This is what makes missionaries and street preachers. This is what will not allow us to be silent — He became a curse.