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**LIFE & WORK OF THE CHURCH**

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**TODAY’S MESSAGE**

We have a sense that we need to get right with God but feel helpless to do it. (Romans 2:21-25).

The question is “How can one make things right with God?”

“***… no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are***” (Romans 3:20).

How does God make us right with Godself?

1. **We can’t make ourselves righteous.**
2. God gave us life and showed us the right way to live.
3. We rejected the right way (Isaiah 43:6; Romans 1:28; Romans 3:23)
* We cannot be made right with God on our own.
* God had to come up with a plan.
1. **God has provided a new way to be right with God in Jesus.**

We have broken God’s law, and we have to pay the penalty. But the good news is everything you’ve ever done or will ever do wrong in life has already been paid for by Jesus Christ on the cross.

You have been made right with God.

* *“****[God] saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy****”* (Titus 3:5 NLT).
* “***God showed His great love for us by sending Jesus to die for us while we were still sinners***” (Romans 5:8)
1. **We have to accept by faith what God has done for us in Jesus.**

What you must do to get right with God …

* Turn from all sin
* Believe and accept by faith that what Jesus did on the cross paid for your sins.
* Invite Him into your life through prayer.

What happens next?

You become a part of God’s family (John 1:11-12).

**Think about this:**

**Are you right with God? Do you want to get right with God?**

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