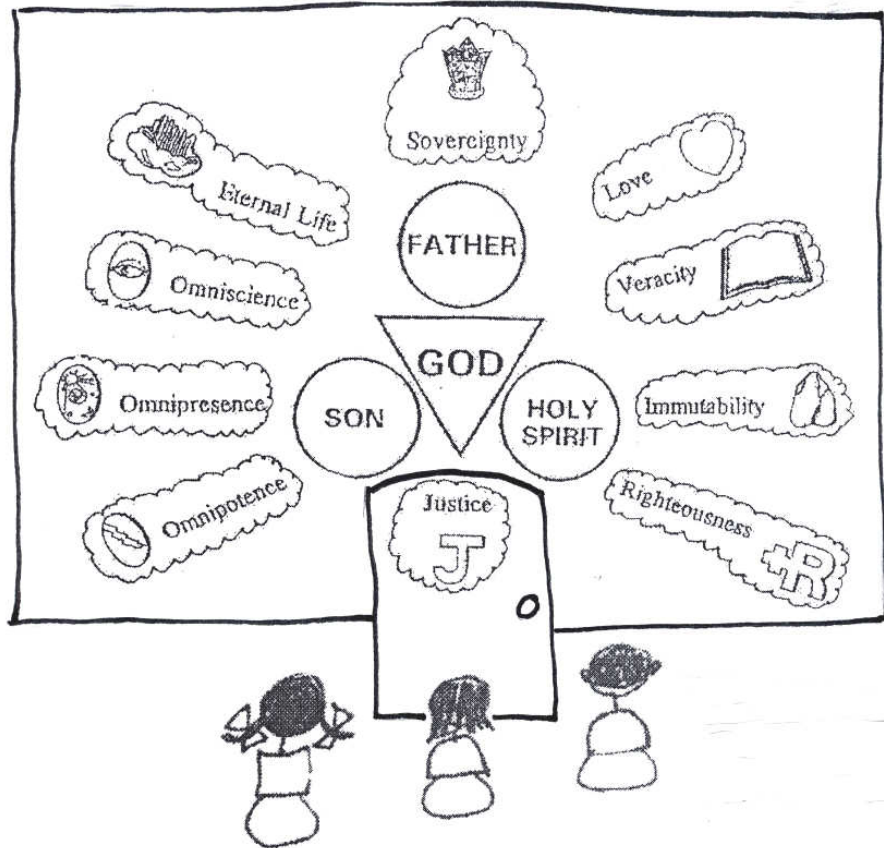


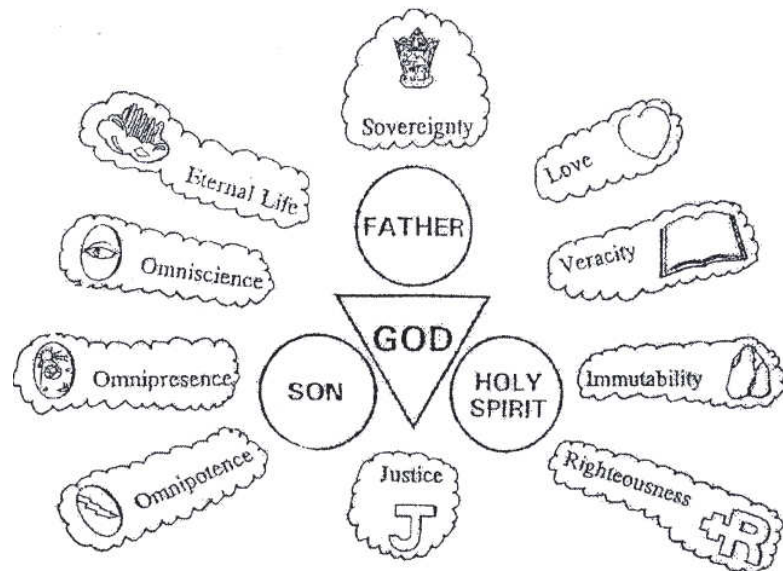
With God As Our Judge

We Are Secure

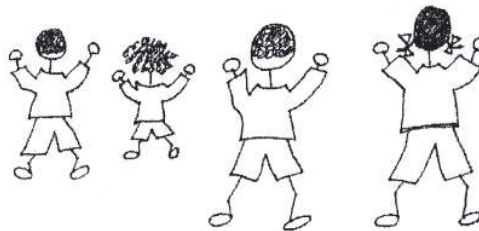
(The Justice of God)



We know God is eternal life; He always was and always will be! We know God is our Supreme Ruler. He is sovereign! He has control of everything! We know He is perfect righteousness, perfect goodness. We also know God is perfect justice; He is always fair! God doesn't play favorites! He deals with mankind through His justice. We are safe and secure in His judgments. We have no problems that God can't solve! He will always deal with us in justice according to His +R or goodness. God is our perfect Judge.



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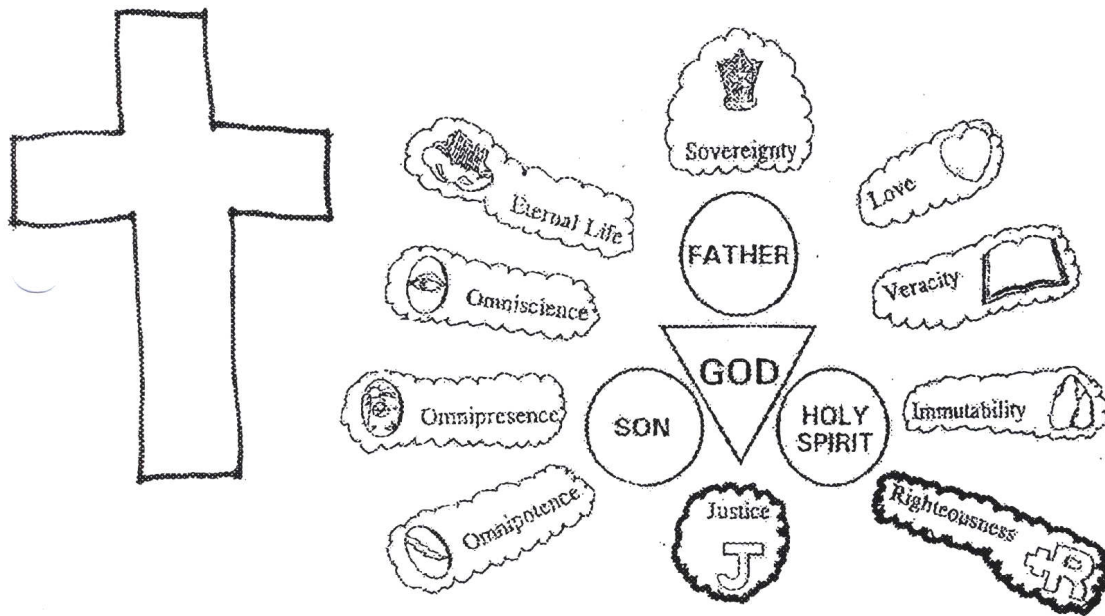
2 Chronicles 19:7

Now then let the fear [respect] of the Lord be upon you; be very

careful what you do, for the Lord our God will have no part in unrighteousness or partiality [having favorites] or the taking of a bribe.

Luke 18:27 The things impossible with men are possible with God.

God's justice, His fairness, always does what His righteousness, His goodness, demands. Divine righteousness demands perfection. At birth, mankind certainly is not perfect! In God's unlimited genius, the justice of God imputes Adam's original sin to every member of the human race. This means we are condemned or found guilty of sin at birth. Justice condemned mankind. You might say, "This doesn't seem fair." However, it is completely fair and righteous! Condemnation must come before salvation. We can't be saved if there is nothing to save us from!!! Don't think we would have done anything differently from Adam; we would have eventually sinned also! Now God's justice is free to let the love of God provide us salvation. It is our choice to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, or not. It is our choice to adjust our thinking to the justice and thinking of God, or not. The "or not's" make me cringe! Our just and righteous God has given mankind the way to eternal life and living with Him forever! It is up to mankind to choose it.



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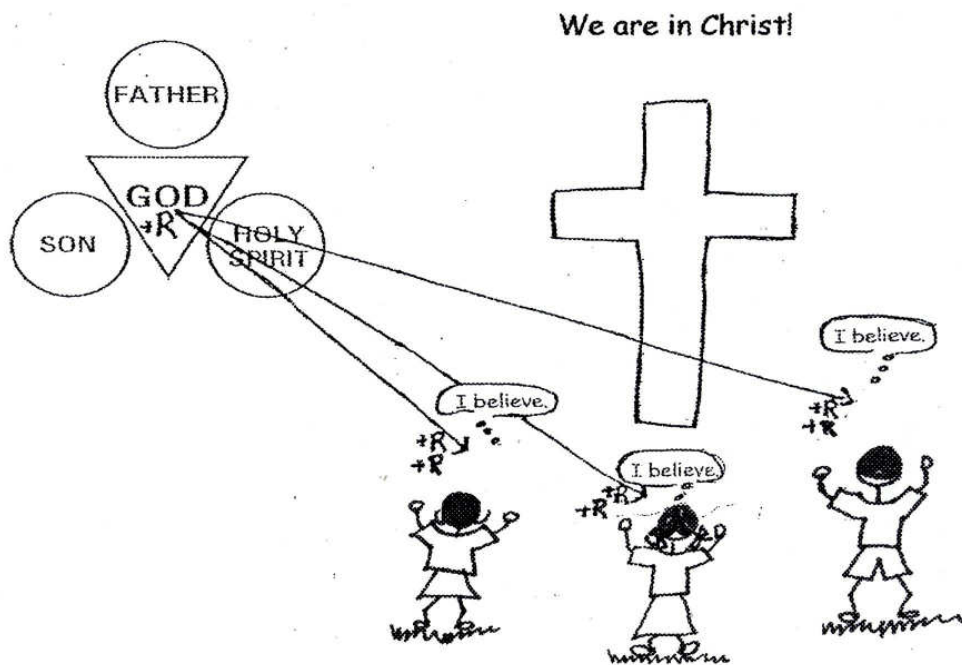
Romans 5:19 For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Once we do adjust or change our thinking to line up with God's justice and thinking and believe in Jesus Christ as our Savior, we have God's righteousness, or +R for short! Then we have what God demands; we have His righteousness, His goodness, His perfection! Then God is free to bless us because of Who He is and what He has done, not because of who we are and what we have done! We are secure in God's righteousness! We have to learn to live in that righteousness.

- Psalm 119:7 We have to learn God's righteous judgments or decisions.
- Psalm 119:62 We have to learn God's righteous orders or commands.
- Psalm 119:123 We have to learn God's righteous word, Bible doctrine.
- Psalm 119:144 We will show God's righteousness in us by the way we live.
- Proverbs 11:9b Through the knowledge of Bible doctrine we will grow in Gods +R.
- Proverbs 12:5 When we use God's +R, our thoughts will be just or fair.

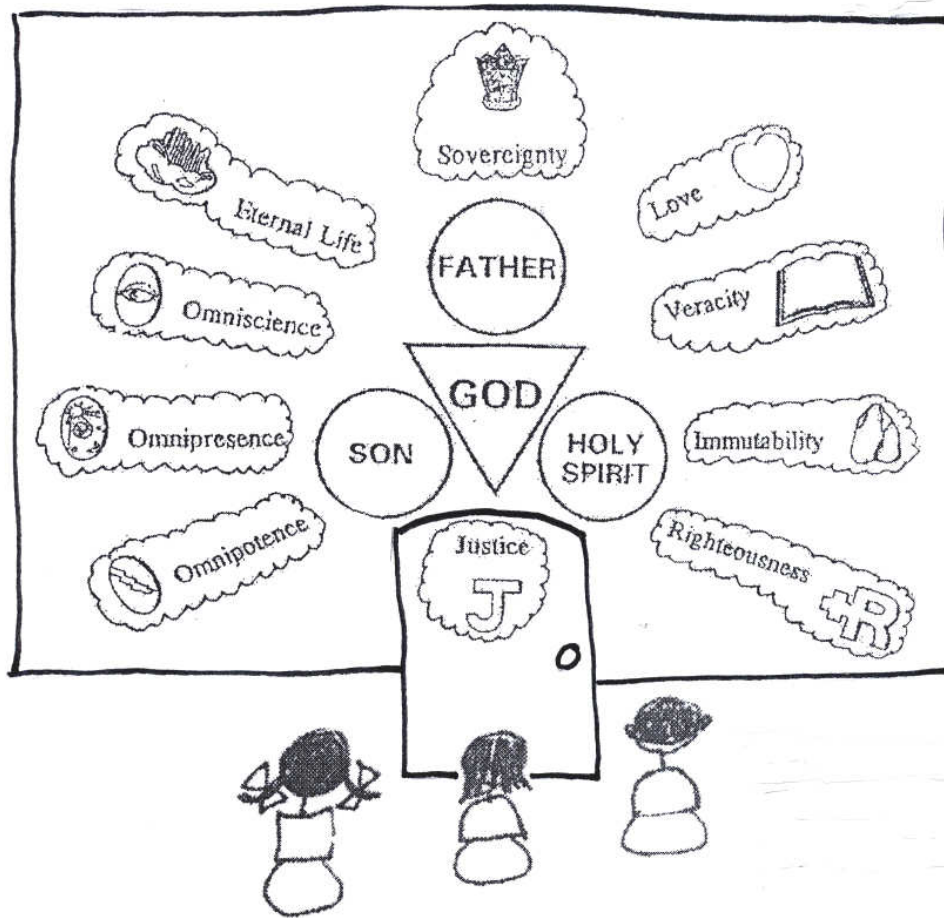
God gives us all we need to learn about Him. He gives us the filling of the Holy Spirit, Bible doctrine, and a pastor-teacher. If we allow Him to, the Holy Spirit will change our thinking to God's thinking! Awesome!



John 8:32,36 And you shall know the truth [Bible doctrine], and the truth shall make you free. If therefore the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.

Isaiah 61:10 I will rejoice greatly in the Lord, my soul will exult in my God; for He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness.

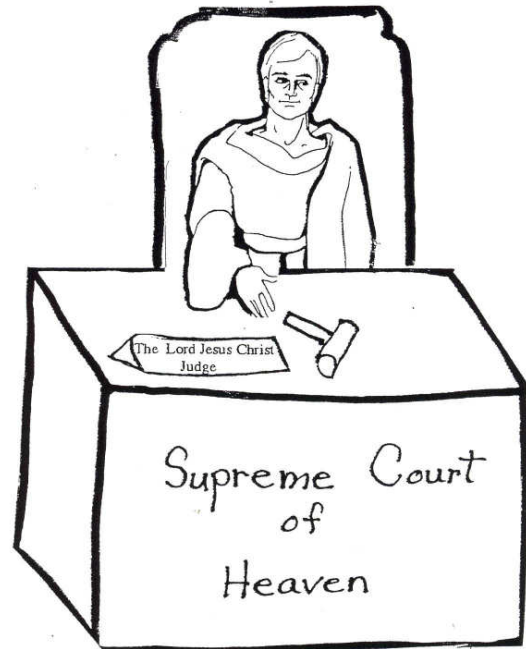
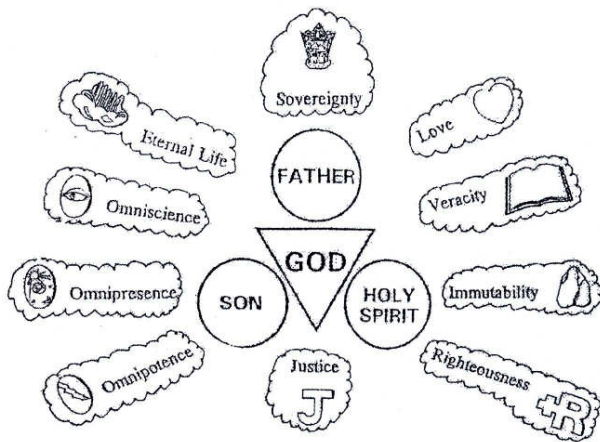
God's justice guards His righteousness or goodness. His justice guards the door to the rest of God's perfect nature: veracity, immutability, omnipresence, omnipotence, omniscience, love, eternal life, and sovereignty. Whatever God's +R demands, God's justice does; whenever God's +R tells His justice to open the door and make way for any of His nature to come through, justice opens the door. The justice of God is the start of everything we receive from Him, both blessing and discipline. God is our just Judge.



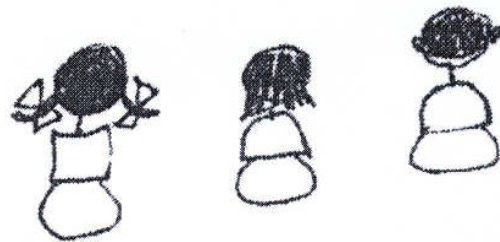
Isaiah 5:16 But the Lord of hosts will be exalted in judgment [justice] and the holy God will show Himself holy or just in righteousness.

Matthew 6:33 But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

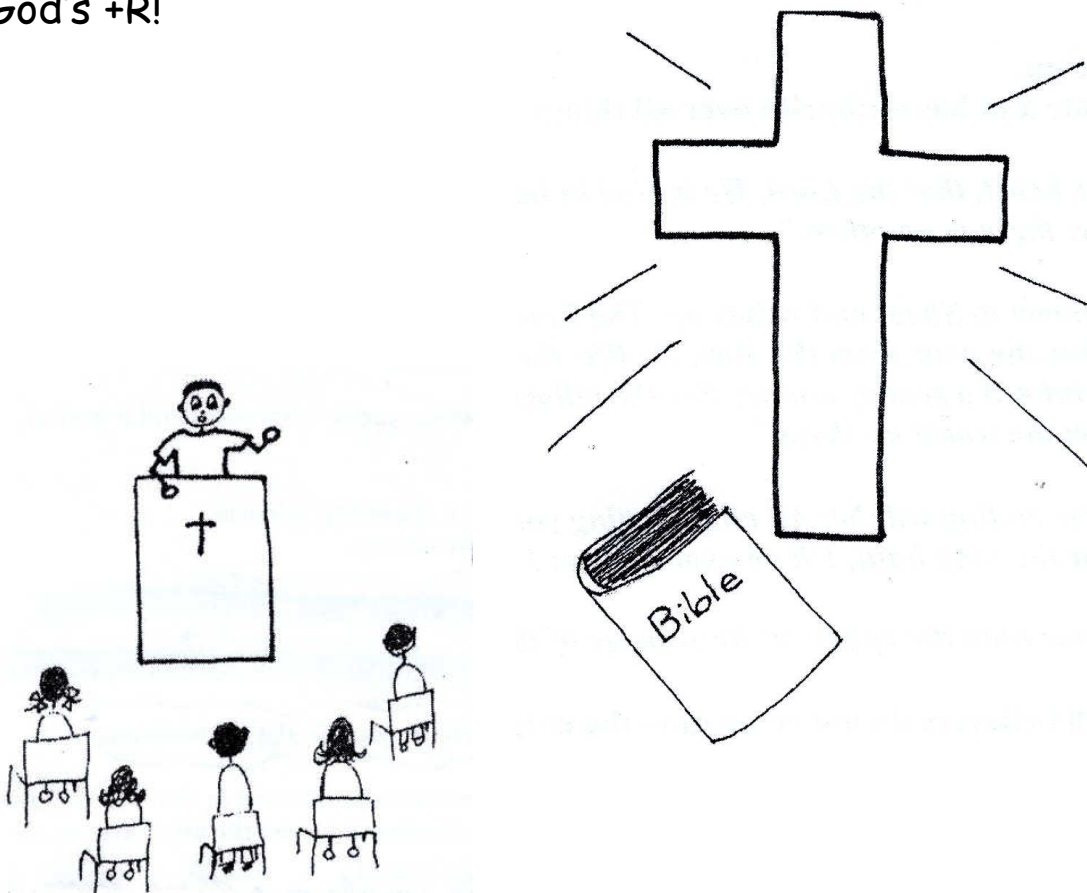
God is our totally, fair Judge! This fact should give us complete peace of mind and security. God's justice is our point of contact with Him. So, when we come to God, His absolute fairness is what we have to adjust to. We have to adjust or change our thinking to God's ways and thinking. This must happen even when we don't understand why He does certain things in our lives. We can be completely confident God always does what is best for us. We know He is completely fair because His just decisions are made from His perfect righteousness or goodness, +R. He is our Ruler and Judge. He's our Boss, our authority!



Psalm 9:8 And He will judge the world in righteousness; He will execute judgment for the peoples with equity or fairness.



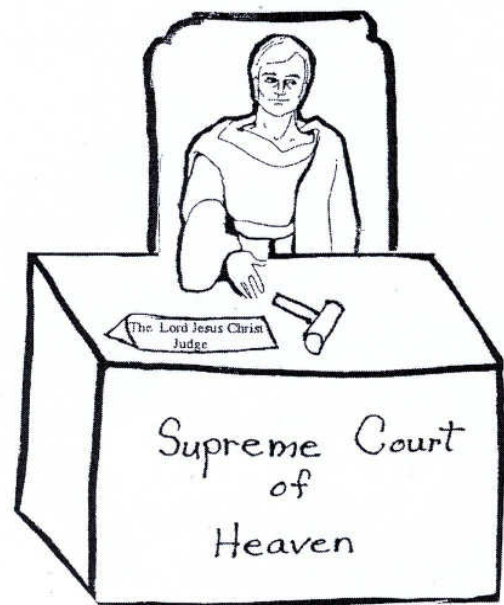
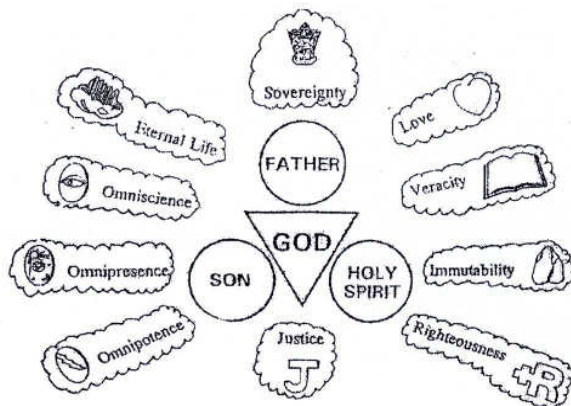
We don't show God's righteousness in us by trying to be perfect and not sinning. Not sinning would be impossible for us so we would be wasting our time! We show that we have +R by using virtue love, faithfulness, and integrity (God's justice and +R) to deal with others and ourselves. When our souls are filled with God's word, we have the thinking we need for God's +R or goodness to work through us. Our judgments are to be made with the righteous thinking of Christ, Bible doctrine. Then we will make correct decisions. We'll be living in God's +R!



Psalm 119:7 I shall give thanks to You with uprightness of heart, when I learn Your righteous judgments [decisions made from Bible doctrine].

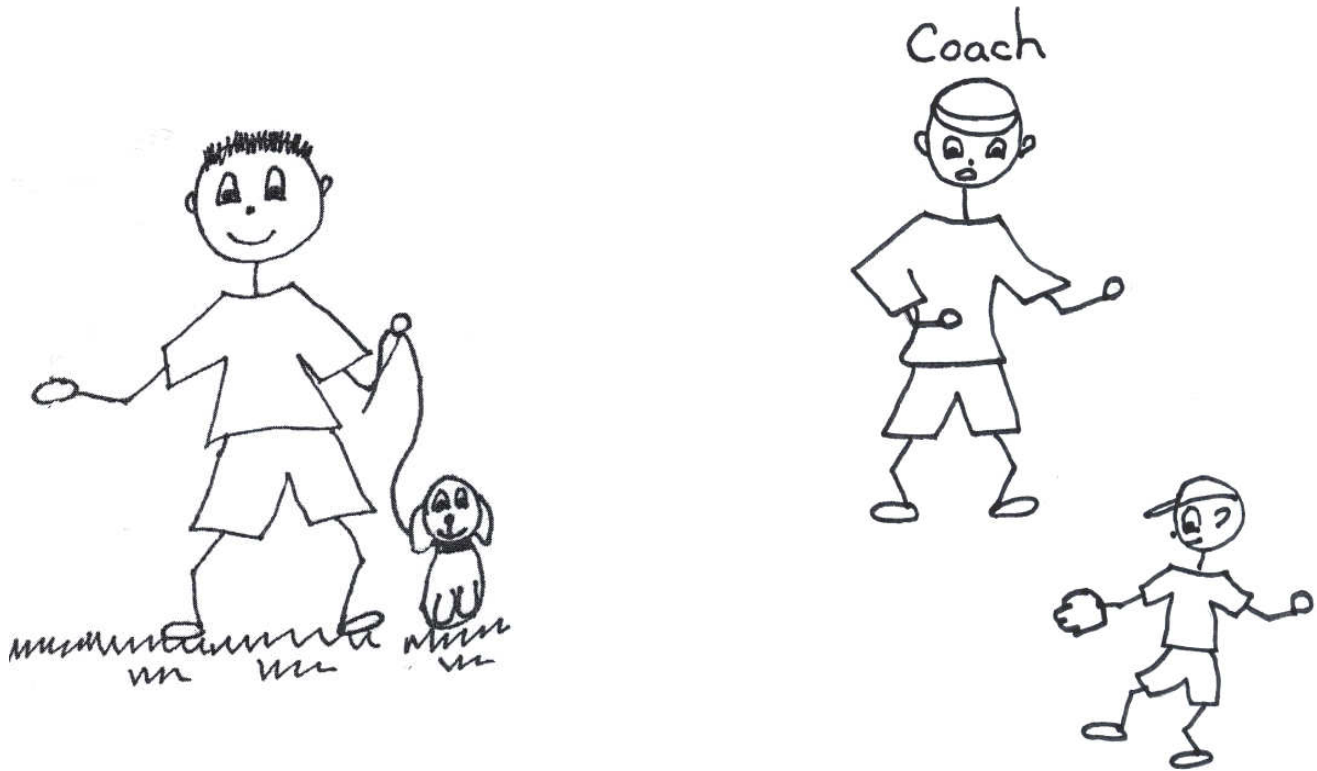
John 7:24 Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.

Let's see some examples of how God's justice works toward us. Remember, if God's +R or goodness rejects or puts thumbs down on something, His justice condemns it. Righteousness rejects sin; therefore, justice condemns sin. So, if we are mean to someone, God will be fair and discipline us. Being mean gets a thumbs down! On the other hand, what God's +R approves, His justice blesses. When we are filled with the Spirit and learning God's thinking, God will be fair and bless us; we get a thumbs up from God! What the righteousness of God demands, the justice of God must do.



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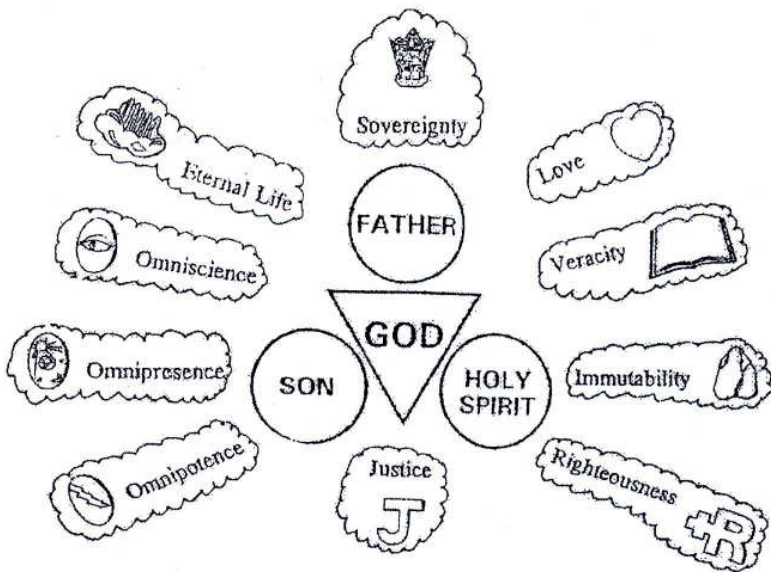
Once we learn about God's justice, we see how important it is for us to use justice in our lives. For example, we might have a puppy or a kitten, or some animal we need to train to behave. If the animal misbehaves, we will discipline him to teach him to behave. We are treating him with justice or fairness. Or, we may be playing in a game of some kind. There are rules we must follow to play the game. If we break a rule, the referee or the coach will let us know. This is to teach us to follow the rules. Everyone likes fair play! We want and need justice in our lives.



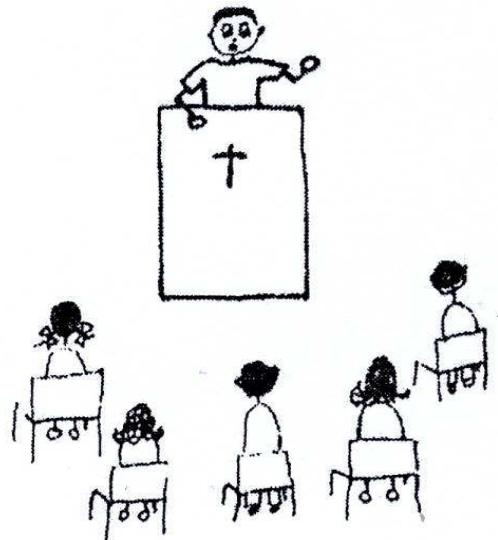
Isaiah 56:1 Thus says the Lord, "Preserve justice, and do righteousness, for My salvation [deliverance] is about to come and My righteousness to be revealed."

We need to know the essence or nature of God so we can understand His perfect plan for our lives.

- **Sovereignty** willed to create, Genesis 1:26 *Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image."*
- **Righteousness** demanded perfection, 1 Peter 1:16 *Because it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."*
- **Omniscience** made the plan, Ephesians 2:8-10 *For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*
- **Omnipotence** created mankind, Genesis 2:7 *Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.*
- **Justice** condemned mankind, Romans 5:19 *For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.*
- **Love** provided salvation, John 3:16, *For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.*
- **Eternal life** is given at salvation, John 3:36, *He who believes in the Son has eternal life.*
- **Omnipresence**, God is always with believers, Matthew 28:20, *"Teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*
- **Immutability**, because we receive God's righteousness at salvation, God is faithful to us, 2 Timothy 2:13, *If we are faithless [when we sin], He remains faithful; for He cannot deny Himself.*
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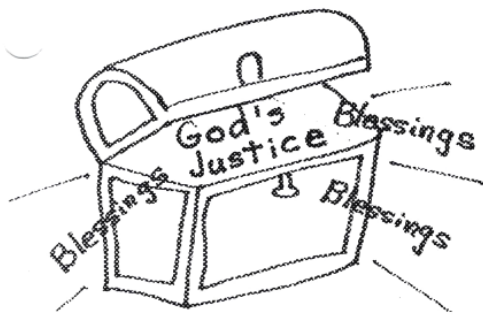


When we learn Bible doctrine and the essence or nature of God, the Holy Spirit will change our mental attitude and we will be free from our old way of thinking! It will help us to move on in God's plan for our lives! Let's get moving!



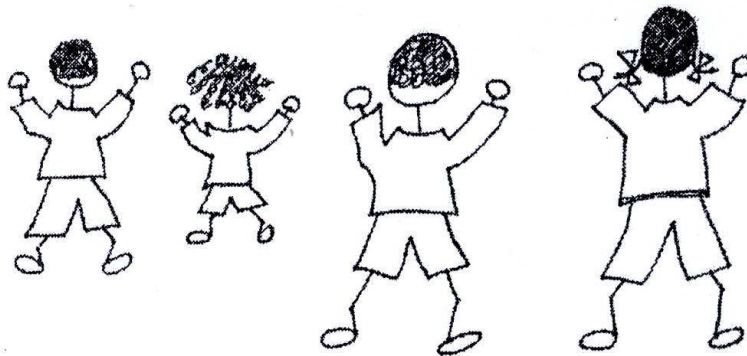
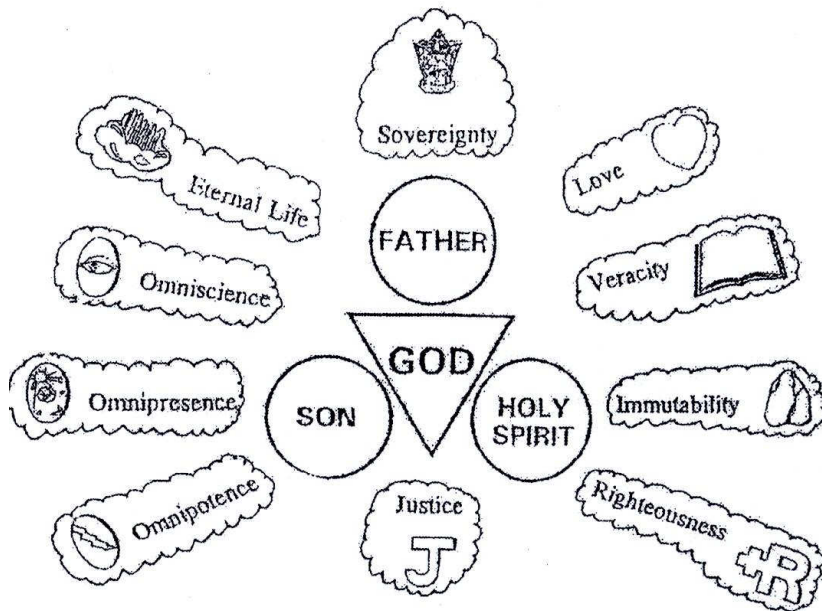
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Questions for Discussion

1. What part of God's nature does He use first to deal with us?
2. What does God's righteousness demand from us?
3. How do we get what God's +R demands?
4. When we have what God demands, what is God free to do for us?
5. How do we learn to live in God's +R?
6. How do we show that we have God's +R?
7. Why should God's justice put our minds at rest?
8. What are some examples of God's justice working in our lives?
9. What can you say about the essence or nature of God?



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