

Just, as I Am

Revelation 15:1-8

Big Idea: God is great, almighty, just, true, holy, and righteous. We cannot earn His presence — but through faith in Christ, His righteousness becomes ours. That is the Gospel. That is our song of deliverance.

Main Points

1. God's wrath is real, complete, and coming — but so is His mercy for those who trust in Christ.
2. The song of Moses and the song of the Lamb share a common theme: deliverance. Just as God delivered Israel from Egypt, He delivers all who place their faith in Jesus.
3. Seven attributes of God are highlighted in Revelation 15:3-4: He is great, amazing, almighty, just, true, holy, and righteous.
4. God's righteousness is not something we earn — it is imputed to us through faith in Christ, just as it was credited to Abraham.
5. Believers are called to be ambassadors, faithfully communicating who God is and pointing others toward the hope of the Gospel.

Scriptures:

- ☐ Isaiah 13:6
- ☐ Exodus 15:1-3
- ☐ 1 Chronicles 29:11
- ☐ Deuteronomy 32:4
- ☐ Revelation 1:8
- ☐ Psalm 145:3
- ☐ Psalm 139:14
- ☐ 1 Samuel 2:2
- ☐ Psalm 66:5
- ☐ Psalm 96:7-9
- ☐ Job 37:23
- ☐ Psalm 145:17
- ☐ Acts 17:31
- ☐ Romans 1:16
- ☐ John 17:17
- ☐ Romans 3:21-26
- ☐ Titus 1:2
- ☐ Romans 4:1-5

Opening Question:

When you think about God's character, what is one attribute—like His greatness, holiness, justice, mercy, or faithfulness—that has been especially meaningful to you lately, and why?

Discussion Questions:

When you hear the phrase "the wrath of God," what is your honest, gut-level reaction? How has your understanding of God's wrath changed over time, if at all?

Pastor Tim referenced 1 Chronicles 29:11, where David declares God's greatness, power, glory, victory, and majesty. When is the last time you prayed Scripture back to God as an act of praise? What makes that practice meaningful or difficult?

Pastor Tim shared a personal story about an unexpected financial gift that arrived for his family, which he attributed to God's provision. Can you share a recent moment — large or small — where you clearly saw God at work on your behalf? How did it affect your awareness of Him?

Pastor Tim said, "We are tempted to sometimes say, I don't believe in a God of wrath. My God is a God of love. Well, that's one part of his character." How do you hold together God's love and God's justice in your own thinking? Where do you struggle with that tension?

Pastor Tim said, "You can argue with me all day long... but can you argue with God? No. He is completely true." How does the authority and reliability of Scripture shape the way your group approaches disagreement or doubt?

Pastor Tim drew a distinction between attributes God does not share with us — like being almighty or self-existent — and holiness, which He does share with us through imputed righteousness. How does understanding that God shares His holiness with believers through Christ change the way you see yourself?

Pastor Tim encouraged the group to put their own name in place of Abraham's in Romans 4:3 — "_____ believed God, and it was counted to him/her as righteousness." Take a moment as a group to do that. What does it feel like to personalize that promise?

Pastor Tim described believers as ambassadors who are called to carry God's message faithfully rather than substitute their own. In what areas of your life do you find it hardest to represent God's truth rather than your own preferences or opinions?

He closed by saying he was planning to sit down with a couple he knew did not know Jesus, and he challenged the congregation to identify someone in their lives who needs to hear the Gospel. Who is that person for you right now? What is one step you could take this week to point them toward Christ?

Practical Applications:

1. Praise through Scripture. Select one of the attributes of God discussed in this sermon — great, amazing, almighty, just, true, holy, or righteous — and spend five minutes each morning this week praying that attribute back to God using a related Scripture passage.
2. Count your blessings in writing. Start a simple journal or list where you record specific ways God has provided for or protected you. Aim for at least ten entries this week. Share one with someone in your group before you meet again.
3. Have a Gospel conversation. Identify one person in your life who does not know Jesus. Pray for them by name each day this week, and look for a natural opportunity to share what Christ has done for you.
4. Read and reflect. Read all of Romans 3 and 4 in one sitting. Write down one thing that surprised you, one thing that challenged you, and one thing that gave you hope.

Closing Thought/Prayer:

Thank God for each of the seven attributes discussed and take time to acknowledge your dependence on Christ's righteousness.