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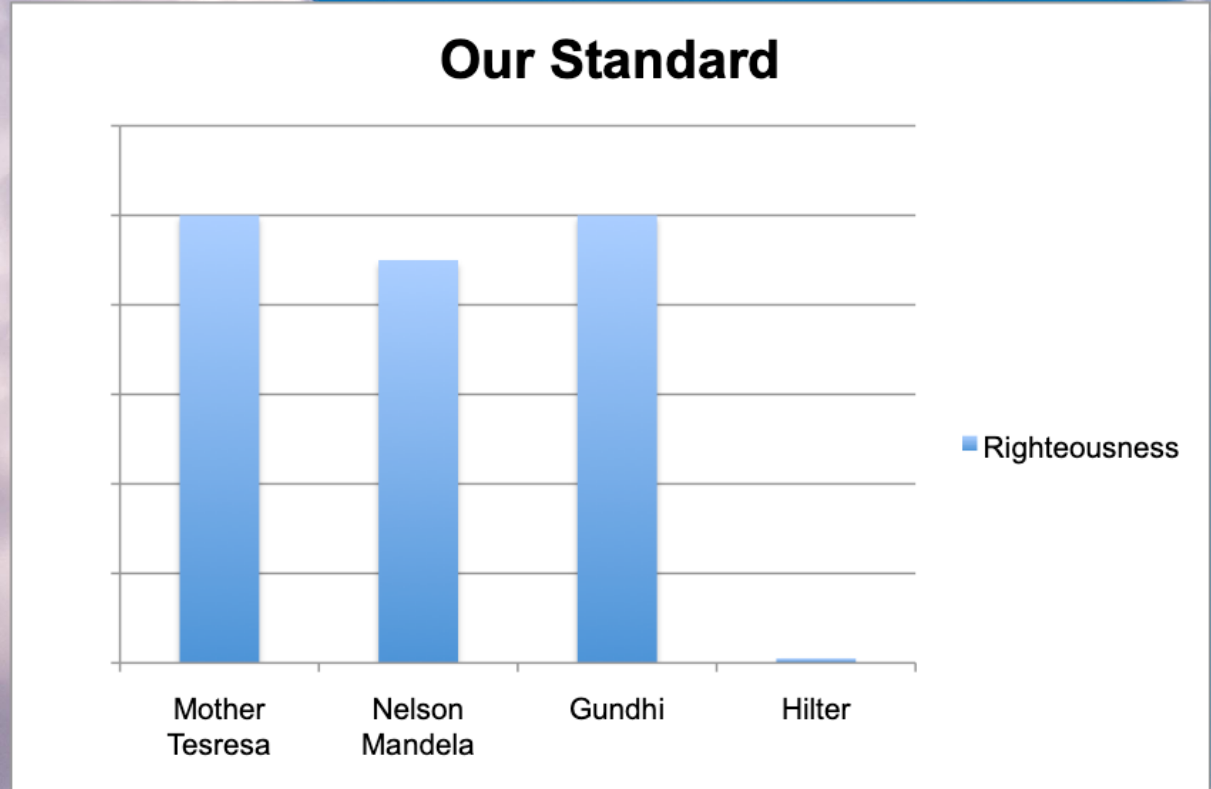
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# RIGHTEOUSNESS:

From Slavery to Heirs  
(1 John 1:5-10, 2:1-6)

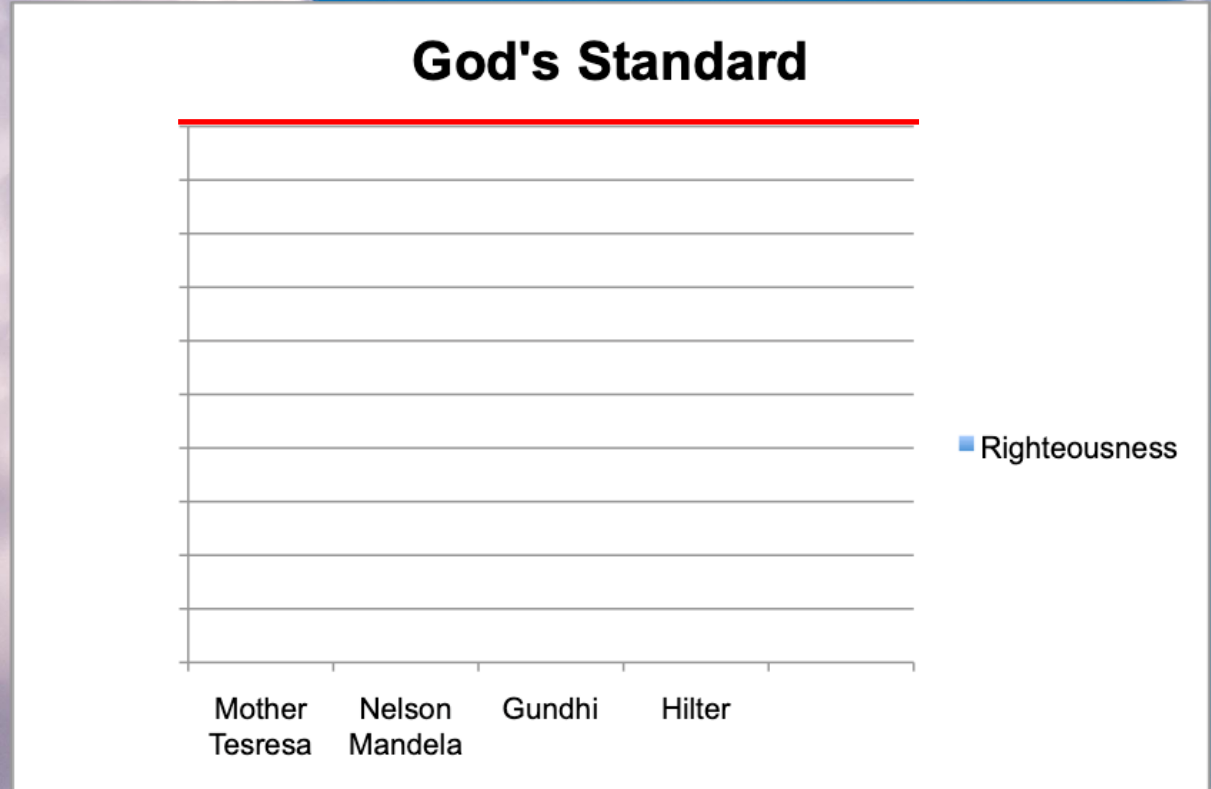


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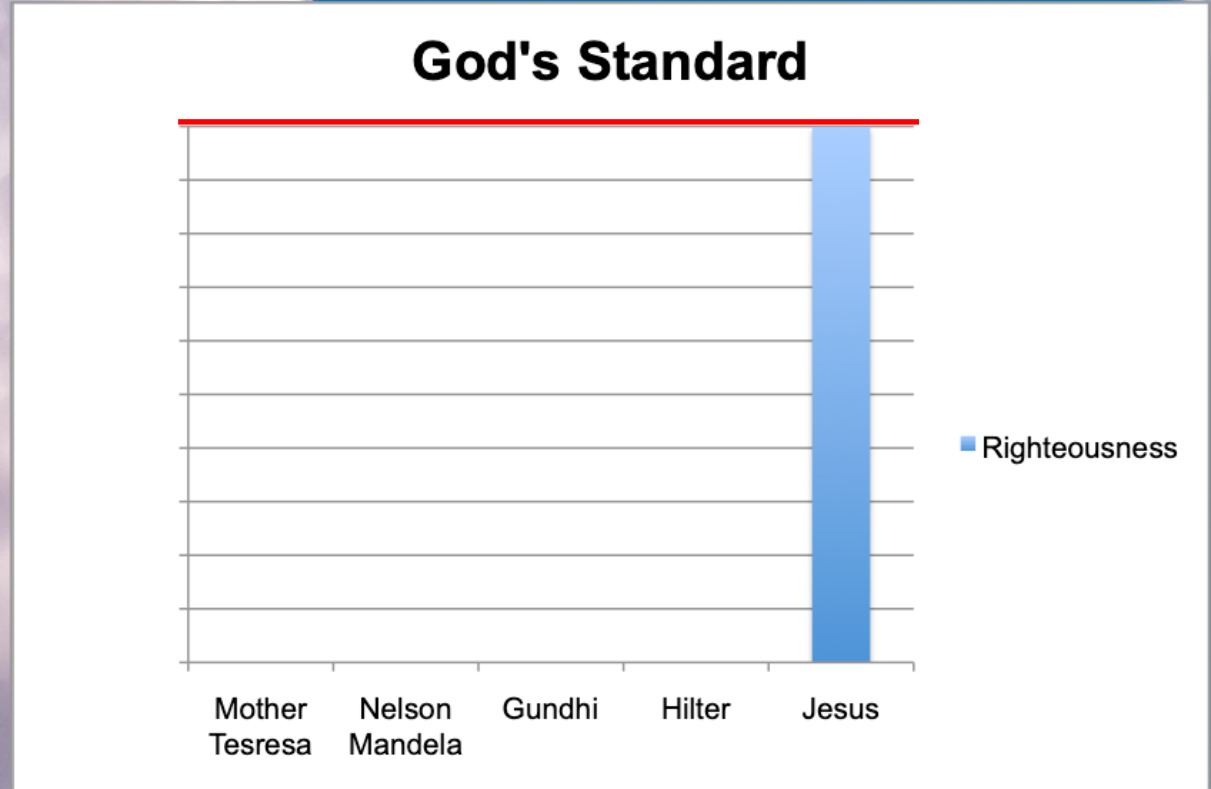
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# How does God view sin?

- Broken Cistern (Jeremiah 2:13)
- Idolatry = Anything that takes God's place.
- Sin enslaves



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# Consequences include:

- Adam & Eve kicked out of Eden. (Genesis 3:20-24)
- Aaron's sons killed instantly for disobedience.  
(Leviticus 10:1-3)
- Moses unable to enter promised land.  
(Num. 20:1-13)
- David punished after affair with Bathsheba.  
(2 Samuel 12:1-11)
- Ananias & Sapphira die after lying to the Holy Spirit. (Acts 5:1-11)
- Its bad... really bad. It destroys you. (John 8:24)



# What's the good news?

- We have an advocate for our sins
- We are made righteous through Christ
- We are being made Holy
- This is available to all who repent & believe  
(1 John 1:9-10)





# What's are the results?

- We keep God's commands (obedience)
- We have fellowship with one another
- We're being cleansed of sin through a repentant life (daily process)



# The Litmus Test\*

- Can't know God & live in habitual sin (actions)
- Claiming to be 100% sinless is a lie (words)
- So what do we do when we sin?

..... Repent & Believe



# What does repentance look like?

- Confessing our sins = Agreeing with God
- It's a 180-degree turn - cuts out sin
- Repentance is a 'Costly Obedience'
- Do you love God more than \_\_\_\_\_?



# What does believing look like?

- Believing that Jesus saves not our idols
- Trusting that Jesus' blood cleanses us
- Conviction not condemnation
- New identity – Adopted Children & Heirs



# Elias' and Susie' stories



# Summary

- Disobedience shows up our idols
- Repenting & believing is how God sets us free
- You are not sinless but you sin less
- **New Identity:** You are No longer a slave to sin but an adopted child and heir.



# Questions

- Is God no. 1 in your heart? Do you love him more than \_\_\_\_\_? (Christians)
- Do you believe the gospel? (Non-Christians)

