



THE BURDEN OF GUILT (Psalm 23:3)

Introduction: *Guilty of forgetting my turn at Tuesday "Men's Breakfast"...*

I. ALMIGHTY GOD IS PLANNING A HEAVENLY FEAST

- A. Sin, shame & guilt will be "checked at the door".
- B. God is not just the host of the party, He is the party & His goodness is the banquet.
- C. There's one BIG problem: the "price of admission" is very steep (1 John 3:7-10)

II. RIGHTEOUSNESS (BEING WITHOUT SIN) IS THE WAY ANYONE IS ADMITTED

- A. We are anything but righteous (Romans 3:10; 3:12; 3:23; 6:23)
- B. The old game – "*Compared to others, I think I'm righteous*" does not work
- C. Almighty God points to Himself and says, "*This is what I mean by righteousness*" (1 Peter 1:1; Psalm 7:11; 112:3; Romans 2:5; Daniel 9:14; Isaiah 28:17; Romans 3:19)
- D. We are not righteous, we are guilty... guilty... guilty

III. WHAT ARE WE TO DO?

- A. Carry a heavy load of guilt? (So many do...) **or** --
- B. Confess our need
- C. My plea for help with men's breakfast was heard... and God hears your plea
- D. He did so much more than prepare a Tuesday breakfast

III. WHAT HAS GOD DONE?

- A. Upon the cross He made Jesus unrighteous that we might be made righteous (2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18; Romans 3:21-22)
- B. In the 23rd Psalm David said it this way: "*He leads me in paths of righteousness*"
- C. This path of righteousness leads up Calvary's hill to the cross.

Conclusion:

*A place at God's eternal feast has been reserved for you
And you don't need to bring anything!*