

Justice

Genesis 2:16-17 – but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.

Psalms 50:6 – The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge

God is a Just God. That means that everything he does is fair and right. God gave a clear command to Adam and Eve, and he gave a clear punishment if they were to break it. If God did not punish their sin, he would not be just. It is not just for people who break the law to get away with what they did. And if anyone let them get away with it intentionally, we would say that they were not just.

In the same way God cannot let sinners get away with their sin. There has to be punishment for it to satisfy God's justice. God told Adam and Eve that if they disobeyed him, they would die. This meant, not only, that they would physically die, but that they would be separated from God forever. Because of Adam and Eve's sin we are all born with sin in our hearts. Unless we keep God's law perfectly and never fail, we cannot please God.

But that is a problem because the Bible tells us that no one is righteous! No one obeys God perfectly. If we are to be restored to fellowship with God we need another answer!

Questions:

1. Why can't God allow people to get away with sin?
 - a. If he allows that, he does not keep his Word. He promised that there is punishment for sin.
2. Can anyone be absolutely perfect?
 - a. No. Like we talked about last week, all have sinned and fallen short of God's commands