

Living as God's People

LESSON 2: COMMUNITY SAVED BY GRACE

BIG IDEA: *Jesus paid the penalty for our disobedience, and gives us the reward of His obedience.*

2. *Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and the Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?*

I. HE PAID THE PENALTY BY BEARING THE CURSE FOR US

¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—¹⁴ so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith. **GALATIANS 3**

- Jesus bore the _____ of sin for us. He _____, so we don't have to die for our disobedience.
- He received what we _____, so we can receive what He _____.
- We receive these great benefits by _____, or trust that what Jesus did is sufficient.
- We receive what God promised to _____.

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. **ROMANS 3:21-26**

- God maintains His _____ by sacrificing His Son.
- He only justifies (or declares _____) those who trust in His Son.
- Jesus removes the _____ or separation between God and those who trust in Him.

What is justification?

Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone. (WSC, 33)

“And what does it mean to be *justified*? It means to be forgiven and accepted as righteous. And how do we come to be justified? Through faith- that is, self-abandoning trust in the person and work of Jesus.”

J.I. PACKER

“Saving faith is the heartfelt conviction not only that Christ is reliable, but also that he is desirable. It is the confidence that he will come through with his promises *and* that what he promises is more to be desired than all the world.”

JOHN PIPER

JESUS DIED FOR US SO WE CAN BE _____ BY GOD AS HIS PEOPLE.

How does Christ execute the office of a priest?

Christ executes the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God; and in making continual intercession for us. (WSC, 25)

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II. BY GRACE RECEIVED THROUGH FAITH

⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. **EPHESIANS 2**

- We receive God's gracious gift of salvation through _____. No faith → No _____!
- All of this, grace and faith resulting in salvation, is God's gift to rule out _____.
- God's love for us, and our _____ by Him is not a result of who we are, but who He is.
- Grace opens up a new kind of _____ for us.

“Someone who is truly repentant isn't afraid of anything except God's anger and displeasure. He isn't concerned about being humiliated and disgraced in front of other people, as long as he knows God is on his side.”

MARTIN LUTHER

LIVING AS GOD'S PEOPLE BEGINS BY _____ JESUS TO SAVE US

- Jesus reconciles us to God by removing our _____ through His death and resurrection.
- Jesus reconciles us to ourselves by removing our _____ (Hebrews 12:1-2).
- Jesus reconciles us to each other by making us His _____ (Ephesians 2:11ff).
- Jesus reconciles us to creation by _____ it at the end of time (Romans 8, Revelation 21-22)

III. BELIEVING AND SHARING THE MESSAGE OF GRACE

¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” ¹⁴How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” **ROMANS 10**

- Faith is a response to the _____ about Jesus.
- God sends us out to _____ others the truth so they can _____.

“Since we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men. ...All of this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ...And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.” **2**

CORINTHIANS 5:11, 18-20

- God uses His _____ to spread the Gospel of peace.
- It is the _____ of what God has _____ for us.

WE HELP OTHERS JOIN GOD'S PEOPLE BY _____ THEM ABOUT JESUS

PRACTICAL CONSEQUENCES

- Begin living as God's people by _____ Jesus to pay the price for our sins _____.
- Live as God's people by trusting in Jesus' _____ to be right with God daily.
- Trust Christ because you can't be _____ enough to stop needing grace, or

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- _____ enough to destroy grace.
- Live as God's people by _____ Him for this great salvation in weekly _____.
 - Live as God's people by telling others about everything Jesus has done to _____ us.