

13. The Justified can Experience Life Presently

Understanding Redemption

A glory; God's righteousness revealed:

1. The glory of God:

Romans 3:21-26 (NASB95)

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22 even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction;
23 for all have sinned and fall short of the **glory** of God
24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;
25 whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed;

2 Corinthians 4:1-7 (NASB95)

1 Therefore, since we know the ministry as we received mercy, we do not lose heart,
2 but we have renounced the things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or **advertising the word of God** but by the **manifestation** of truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.
3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,
4 in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the **Light** of the gospel of the **glory** of Christ, who is the image of God
5 For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as God, and ourselves as your bonded servants for Jesus' sake.
6 For God, who said, "**Light** shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the **Light** of the knowledge of the **glory** of God in the face of Christ.
7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves.

man's religion

B Imputation, Justification, Redemption, And Propitiation

1. All these words focus on Justification – how does a person become justified

a) The judgment has already been pronounced in Adam "In the day you eat of it you shall surely die"

So the issue is that man is dead; he cannot make himself alive !!!

Leviticus 17:14 (NASB95)

14 For all of us have become like one who is unclean, and **all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment**; and all of us either like a fool, and our inquiries, like the work, are as empty;

He doesn't say "unrighteous deeds" but rather **it's our very best**, he says **righteous deeds**
We can in no way contribute to God's **imputed righteousness**, it's received through **faith alone**

Then God solves the problem through the revelation of his righteous standard surrounded by the concepts expressed in these 4 words;
Which reach the peak of their development in the perfect righteous works of the Lamb of God, **Jesus Christ**.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NASB95)

21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God **in Him**.

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God solves the problem without man's assistance

He did not say "that we might become the righteousness of God"
But that we would become the righteousness of God **in Him**
(Once again our character has not become righteous)

C Though these terms [justification, imputation, redemption, and propitiation] reached their peak of development in Christ Jesus; they are prefigured in the Old Testament

1. Imputation and justification:

Zechariah 3:1-7 (NASB95)

1 Then he showed me **Joshua** the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and **Satan** standing at his right hand to accuse him.

2 The Lord said to Satan, "The Lord rebuke you, Satan! Indeed, the Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?"

3 Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments and standing before the angel.

4 He spoke and said to those who were standing before him, saying, "Remove the filthy garments from him." Again he said to him, "See, I **have taken your iniquity away from you and will clothe you with bestial robes**."

5 Then I said, "Let them put a clean tunic on his head." So they put a clean tunic on his head and clothed him with garments, while the angel of the Lord was standing by.

6 And the angel of the Lord addressed Joshua, saying,
7 "Thus says the Lord of hosts, 'If you will walk in My ways, and if you will perform My service, then you will also govern My house and also have charge of My courts, and I will grant you free access among those who are standing here.'

Genesis 15:6 (NASB95)

6 Then he believed in the Lord; and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Abraham was declared to be righteous, and that is what's meant by **justification**.

The blessing of God then flows to us, not because of what we do but because of the righteousness of Christ which we possess by means of imputation.

justified imputation

2. Propitiation is tied to the Ark of the covenant

3. And Redemption to the event of the Exodus

D Redemption:

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win or regain the favor of (a god, spirit, or person)
by doing something that pleases them; the person thought it was important to propitiate the gods with sacrifices.

2. There are 2 things that have to happen in order for any person to be able to get into heaven.

The 1st, the sin penalty, which is a **legal penalty**, has to be paid.

In Genesis 2 God said that if Adam ate of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, he would immediately and certainly die.

This applies to the entire human race.

1 Corinthians 15:22 (NASB95)

22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

The personal issue:

The 2nd, There is a **personal reality** as opposed to a general legal reality;
that **every person that comes into this world, is under condemnation**,
they have a sinful nature, and they are **spiritually dead**.
A spiritually dead person can't get into heaven.

The 3rd, they are **unrighteous**.

We've already seen how the **unrighteousness** problem is solved, at the point of **imputation**, we being declared righteous - by faith.

But the **spiritual death** problem is also solved by **faith** because when we trust in Christ, then God the Holy Spirit makes us alive spiritually.

That is called **regeneration**: we are born again.

But it's **personal** because only those who believe in Jesus are born again, and only those who believe in Jesus are justified.

The legal issue is solved for everyone,

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Christ's justification on the cross:

John 8:12 (NKJV)

12 And He who offers such life is with life. The Father has not left life alone, for I always do those things that please Him."

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Belief is the only condition to solve the problem of condemnation

John 8:12 (NKJV)

12 He who believes in Him **is not condemned**, but he who does not believe **is condemned already because he has not believed** in the name of the only begotten Son of God.
[not because you're sinful, because the sin is paid for]

Imputation is to credit somebody with righteousness.

Justification is to declare someone righteous.

propitiation is to satisfy the justice of God.

E I Am Covered Over

I AM COVERED OVER WITH THE ROSE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT JESUS GIVES TO ME, GIVES TO ME.

I AM COVERED OVER WITH THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS AND HE LIVES IN ME, LIVES IN ME.

WHAT A JOY IT IS TO KNOW MY HEAVENLY FATHER LOVES ME SO, HE GIVES TO ME, MY JESUS,

WHEN HE LOOKS AT ME HE SEES NOT WHAT I USE TO BE, BUT HE SEES JESUS, JESUS