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Justified by His Grace Romans 3:23-24

I. The Fallenness of Sin (v. 23)

- A. All have _____ (Rom. 3:10-12; 5:12)

- B. All fall _____ (Psa. 51:5; Jms. 2:10; 3:2)

- C. All _____ God's wrath (1 Jn. 3:4; Jms. 4:17; Rom. 14:23; 1 Jn. 5:17; Prov. 24:9; Jms. 1:14-15; Rom. 6:23; 1:18)

II. The Doctrine of Justification (v. 24a)

- A. An _____ legal act and forensic declaration of God (Lk. 7:28-29; Rom. 4:5; 8:33-34)

- B. An act of forgiveness and _____ of our sins on Christ (Rom. 8:1-2; Isa. 53:6; 1 Pet. 2:24; 2 Cor. 5:21)

- C. A _____ imputation including Christ's righteousness placed on us (Isa. 61:10; Phil. 3:9; Rom. 4:3, 6)

III. The Redemption that is in Christ Jesus (v. 24b)

- A. The _____ of redemption (Ex. 9:1; Eph. 2:1-3; Rom. 1:18-32; Rom. 5:12; 6:16-20, 23; Col. 1:13-14)

- B. The _____ of redemption (Ex. 12:21; 1 Cor. 5:7; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; Mk. 10:45; 1 Pet. 1:18-19; Rev. 5:9)

- C. The _____ of the Redeemer (Lev. 19:33-34; Deut. 10:19; Phil. 2:5-11; Rom. 5:8; 2 Cor. 4:6)

- D. The _____ nature of redemption (Ex. 4:23; 6:7; Rom. 8:12-30; Gal. 4:4-7; Eph. 1:3-14)

TAKE HOME

- What _____ you the most when you think about how all of your sin has been placed on Christ?
- What encourages you the most when you think about the fact that the righteousness of Christ has been _____ to your account?
- In what way does it help you to think about the _____ of God redeeming His people in the Old Testament to redeeming you as a New Testament believer?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at placiritachurch.com.

1. Read Romans 3:23. Do you believe that all have sinned? Have you ever talked to someone who didn’t believe that? (Rom. 3:10-12; 5:12) What does it mean to fall short? (Psa. 51:5; Jms. 2:10; 3:2)

2. If all have sinned and if all have fallen short then what does that lead to? What are the consequences of our sin? Why is it important to understand this clearly? (1 Jn. 3:4; Jms. 4:17; Rom. 14:23; 1 Jn. 5:17; Prov. 24:9; Jms. 1:14-15; Rom. 6:23; 1:18)

3. Read Romans 3:24a. Why is it important to understand that justification is instantaneous? What does it mean that it is a forensic declaration? Are you made righteous? Why or why not? Explain your answer. (Lk. 7:28-29; Rom. 4:5; 8:33-34)

4. Does justification emphasize forgiveness? Does justification emphasize all of our sins being placed on Christ? How does this happen? (Rom. 8:1-2; Isa. 53:6; 1 Pet. 2:24; 2 Cor. 5:21)

5. What is meant by double imputation? Isn’t it good enough to just be forgiven? How is it that Christ’s righteousness can be attributed to our account? (Isa. 61:10; Phil. 3:9; Rom. 4:3, 6)

6. What does it mean to be redeemed? Who is the payment made to? Which one of these four aspects of redemption was newer for you to consider and appreciate?

7. Read the take home questions. Which one encouraged you or challenged you the most? Why? How will you live differently this week based on what you learned from this passage?

“Justification is a matter of imputation (reckoning, charging); the sinner’s guilt is imputed to Christ; the latter’s righteousness is imputed to the sinner.”

- William Hendriksen, *New Testament Commentary on Romans*