

3-"That is in Christ Jesus" He is our Ransom

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"But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom + righteousness, + sanctification, + redemption"

1 Cor. 1:30

All we have is **"IN"** Christ Jesus

---NEWELL---"Remember that everything is glad in bestowment, infinite in extent, & **unchangeable** in character. Christ's atoning work was **the**

procuring cause of all eternal benefit to us." (115)

II.-JUSTIFIED BY BLOOD (The Blood Of The Son PROCURES It)--3:25:

A.-Justification's Person:

- 1-"Whom"--refers back to "Christ Jesus" in 3:24
- 2-He is the One who justifies sinful men
- 3-Apart from Him we have no hope. **HE** is all my plea!

"When God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the (forgiveness) remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God,"

B.-Justification's Propitiation:

1"God hath set forth"=="God hath **exposed to view**"

---Unlike the Ark of the Covenant which was veiled & approached only by the H. P.

---What God's **JUSTICE** demanded, His **LOVE** provided --- **UNVEILED** in Jesus

2-"A Propitiation"=="**something that causes or enables someone to act mercifully or forgivingly**" (G-T)

---Papyri indicate the classical usage of the word was in reference to **appeasement of divine wrath**

---In LXX $\epsilon\lambda\alpha\theta\epsilon\tau\eta\sigma\iota\sigma\iota\nu$ is used of the **golden cover** of the Ark of the Covenant, which means **"MERCY SEAT"**: the **PLACE OF SATISFACTION**

*---Thus, the Lord is **both the sacrifice & the mercy seat** for us so that divine justice is satisfied

---That's what the publican meant when he beat his breast & said, "God be merciful to me, a sinner"

---Wanted God to look at him **thru the blood** of his substitute on the mercy seat & be

***SATISFIED**, holding him no longer under the guilt of sin, but free in God's freely offered "gratis" justification

C.-Justification's Price:

1-"Thru faith in His **blood**" (Rom. 3:25)

2-This is the **PRICE** of our justification

3-God says "without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sin" --- Borne by the **sinner**

OR Borne by a **substitute**

4-Animal blood in O.T.

---covered sin for a year (Kaphar)

---Had to be **repeated annually**

---Heb. 10:3-4---"But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls & of goats should **take away** sins"

Rom. 5:9 - "... being now justified by His blood..."

The price of any commodity is an indicator of its **VALUE**.

Astronomical cost of our justification

Heb.
9:22

5-Christ's blood—paid for sin eternally —PERMANENT + TOTAL

"Neither by the blood of goats & calves, but by His own blood He ~~has~~ entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us."

Heb 9:12

- took away sins that were past
- took away sins that were present
- took away sins that are future

(4)

--HYMN-- "In heaven His blood forever speaks,
In God the Father's ear"

--Lev. 17:11-- "For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh atonement for the soul."

--1 Pet. 1:18-19-- "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things as silver & gold, from your vain conversation received from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish & without spot."

"...having forgiven you all trespasses"

Col. 2:13

"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, + to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood"

6-Cost was HIGH — Act 20:28 — FREE, but not CHEAP

7-Blood shed always means death, never merely consecration of life

8-Not the "blood of His circumcision" that saves, but "His life poured out" — The BLOOD OF GOD'S SON

9-ILLUS--Mr. Innis, a great Scotch minister, once visited an infidel who was dying. When he came to him the 1st time, he said, "Mr. Innis, I am relying on the mercy of God; God is merciful, & He will never damn a man forever."

When he became worse & was nearer death, Mr. Innis went to him again, & he said, "O Mr. Innis, my hope is gone; for I have been thinking that if God be merciful, God is just, too; & what if, instead of being merciful to me, He should be just to me? What would then become of me? I must give up my hope in the mere mercy of God; tell me how to be saved!"

Mr. Innis told him that Christ had died in the stead of all believers--that God could be just, & yet the Justifier thru the death of Christ. "Ah!" said he, "Mr. Innis, there is something solid in that; I can rest on that; I cannot rest on anything else," & it is a remarkable fact that none of us ever met a man who thought he had his sins forgiven unless it was thru the blood of Christ. — Efficacy of X's BLOOD is our ground of Justification

III. JUSTIFIED BY FAITH (The Faith Wrought In Us By The Spirit APPROPRIATES It---3:24, etc:

A.-Justification's Condition:

1-One & ONLY one condition

2-"By Faith"---3:22, 25, 26, 28; 4:5; 5:1

3-The benefits of satisfaction are ONLY available to one who places his faith in the efficacy of the blood that was shed

4-DENNY--"What God has given to the world in Christ, infinitely great & absolutely free as it is, is literally no-thing unless it is taken" (610)

5-That "taking" is "BY FAITH" with Christ as the object of faith.

6-ILLUS--When the poet CONFER was brought to the very verge of despair, he walked up & down in his room a long while, profoundly agitated. At last he seated himself near his window, & seeing a

Bible there, he opened it to seek if possible some consolation & strength. His biographer, Taylor, tells of it thus: (5)

"The passage which met my eye was the 25th verse of the 3rd chapter of Romans. On reading it I immediately received power to believe. The rays of the Sun of Righteousness fell on me in all their fullness: I saw the complete sufficiency of the expiation which Christ had wrought for my pardon & entire justification. In an instant I believed, & received the peace of the Gospel. If, he adds, the arm of the Almighty had not supported me, I believe I should have been overwhelmed with gratitude & joy: my eyes filled with tears; transports choked my utterance. I could only look to heaven in silent fear, overflowing with love & wonder."

B.-Justification's Conclusion:

1-Justification of God to men

- 3:25b-26a -- "...to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past through the forbearance of God; to declare, I say, at this time His righteousness..."
- By judgment of sin in the sinner
- Or by providing a propitiatory sacrifice that was innocent
- Thus judgment for PAST sins did fall
- And God is shown not to have winked at sin in the past, but been "passing over" it until the sacrifice of Christ
- GRIFFITH-THOMAS--"Thus, the Cross of Christ not only justifies men to God, but justifies God to men, for it cleared the divine character from all appearances of indifference to sin in the ages before Christ came." (116)
- O.T. saints were "saved on credit" looking forward to the cross.

2-Justification Of God to God

- 3:26b -- "...that He might be just..."
- Justice must be satisfied
- And also "God is Light", so no shadow of deceit could mar this full satisfaction of God's holiness
- But "God is Love" also
- When Love & Light met fully & both were satisfied in the death of Christ, God satisfied both His heart & His nature

3-Justification Of Men To God

- 3:26c -- "...and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus."
- The object of Christ's sacrificial death on the cross was not only the justification of God to men & God to God Himself, but also of men to God
- We're most familiar with this aspect of man being "DECLARED RIGHTEOUS" on the basis of Christ's sacrifice
- God is indeed the justifier of "him which believeth in Jesus"
- O. N. BARTLETT--"...let it never be forgotten that the God whose justice demanded an eternal penalty on sin is one and the same God whose mercy provided in Jesus Christ an eternal remedy for sin." (52)

A. - Summarization:

- 1- **Divine Attribute** at work-----Justified by **GRACE**
 - Defined=="Declared righteous"
 - Delineated ("freely by **His grace**")
 - Described ("thru the redemption that is in Christ Jesus")
- 2- **Divine Purchase Price**-----Justified by **HIS BLOOD**
 - Person is Jesus Christ
 - Propitiation renders God "**satisfied**"
 - Price of **HIS BLOOD**--Life poured out unto death to atone for **OUR SINS**
- 3- **Human Response** to Divine Provision---Justified BY **FAITH**
 - Only a **SINGLE CONDITION** ("**by faith**")
 - Conclusion that it meets every requirement of God, of sin and of man

B. - Illustration:

- 1-A Canadian authority has just advocated the destruction of a criminal's records **after 12 years** of good behavior--as an encouragement to the man to **begin life anew**. Only if the man should return to crime would he be reckoned a second offender.
- * 2- **God does far better** with offenders against Heaven. He not only **PARDONS** the criminal, something governments can do, He also **FORGIVES**, something governments cannot do---for it takes a person to forgive a person.
- 3- God goes **STILL FURTHER**. God "**declares righteous**" the most "ungodly" sinner that trusts Christ---and he does **not wait 12 years** to do it before putting away the past record. He declares the sinner righteous, justifies the ungodly, and blots out the criminals record the moment he believes on the Lord Jesus Christ as his sin-bearing Savior.
- 4- **ILLUS**--Take the **left hand** to represent **You**
 - Take a **red hymnbook** to represent **SINS** ("Though your sins be as scarlet")
 - Ta. ** **WEIGHT** of it is upon you
 - ** God hates sin & His **wrath** bears down against sin
 - ** **No peace** in your heart
 - Take **right** hand to represent **JESUS** (In a **white glove**)
 - ** **No sin** upon Him, for He is without spot or blemish
 - ** **MUCH SIN** upon you
 - ** You have sin.....Jesus has **none**
 - Flip songbook from left hand onto right hand
 - ** **My sin** is **laid on Christ**
 - ** My burden is **gone** entirely
 - ** This is what happened when Christ died for your sins and you believed it
 - But there is "**MUCH MORE**" than just pardon and forgiveness.
 - GOD ALSO GIVES** the purity and righteousness of Christ as a gift: **He JUSTIFIES** forever.

*-Now show Left hand in a WHITE GLOVE also, for we are seen as having the very same righteousness in God's sight as does Jesus Christ (7)

C.-Application:

1-Let's remember our beginning quotation by Phillips Brooks: "Preach doctrine--preach all the doctrine that you know, and learn forever more and more; but preach it always, not that men may believe it, but that men may be saved by believing it."

2-Do YOU BELIEVE in justification ??

- Justification by grace
- Justification by blood shed for our sins
- Justification by faith in Christ as YOUR SAVIOR?

3-Why not TODAY be justified; "declared righteous" in God's sight--Put all your sin on Christ

- Take all His purity and righteousness as a free gift of God
- Rom. 4:7-8--"Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man for whom the Lord will not reckon sin."

#112--Once For All

Westbrae--11/8/70--#416--Grace Greater Than Our Sins

#190--Christ Receiveth Sinful Men

1st Bapt. Ch., Warrensville, PA - 3/30/80

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Hilltop Bapt. Ch. - 6/10/07

INTRO.

A.-Illus.

An ungodly European was once trying to convince a Christian convert in India that his religion was of no use, & that he ~~would~~ never be any better off for it. "What, after all," said the scoffer, has your Jesus done for you?"

"He has saved me!" said the native, with great animation
"And what is that?" asked the European with an incredulous

smile.

"Step with me to the door," was the reply, "and I will show you." So saying, he took him outside, picked up a quantity of dry leaves, and made a circle of them. He sought for a worm &, having found one, placed it in the center of the ring.

Forthwith he applied a lighted match to the material that surrounded the worm, the scoffer looking on with no little astonishment. As the heat of the fire approached the poor worm, it began to writhe & show symptoms of distress, but could not get out of the smoldering ring. At that moment the Indian man darted his hand thru the smoke, plucked the worm out of its dangerous position, & placed it safely on the green grass out of reach of all danger.

"There," he said, "that is what the blessed Jesus has done for me. I was exposed to the flames of Hell--there was no possibility of escape. I was condemned & ready to perish, & He rescued me by dying for my sins, snatching me as a brand from the burning, & He has given me--a poor dying worm--a place near His heart.

Needless to say, the European was silenced.

B.-Doctrinal Parallels In Romans:

- 1-Removed from fire-----FORGIVENESS
- 2-Placed next to God's bosom----JUSTIFICATION
- 3-How to be Justified (Last message)
 - By grace---SOURCE
 - By blood---PRICE
 - By faith---APPROPRIATION

C.-Consequences Of Justification:

(This Message)

- 1-Justification by faith EXCLUDES BOASTING--3:27-28
- 2-Justification by faith IS UNIVERSALLY EQUAL--3:29-30
- 3-Justification by faith ESTABLISHES THE LAW--3:31

I.-JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH EXCLUDES BOASTING--3:27-28:

A.-Justification Excludes Boasting:

1-"Boasting"=="glorying"

- a KEY word in passage
- boasting of whom?
- of Jews in 2:17
- of anyone at all

2-Eph. 2:8-9--"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast."

3-WILLIAM TEMPLE--"The only thing of my very own which I can contribute to my redemption is the sin from which I need to be redeemed." (Nature, Man & God, P. 401)

4-"Excluded"--Aorist tense

--"It was once for all excluded"

--Decisive

--~~ILLUS~~--One has quaintly said, "The Feast of Mercy

was on, & the damsel GRACE was at the door, admitting everyone who came on the ground of mercy alone. Old MR. BOASTING, in a high hat & a fine suit, presented himself. 'Oh', said GRACE, as she quickly shut the door in his face, 'There is no room for you here! The people here are feasting on the free gifts of God.' So, MR. BOASTING was shut out.

--James M. Gray's Hymn, "Only A Sinner"

"Naught have I gotten but what I received;
Grace hath bestowed it since I have believed;
Boasting excluded, pride I abase;
I'm only a sinner saved by grace!
Only a sinner saved by grace!
Only a sinner saved by grace!
This is my story, to God be the glory--
I'm only a sinner saved by grace!"

--Paul has stopped their mouths---3:9-20

B.-Justification Is Not By Works:

1-"By what law?"=="By what principle, procedure, system?"

--"By what kind of a law?"

2-"Of works?"--That would indicate something DONE by man

--But justification is not by works of man

--Rather*****By grace

**By blood

**By faith

--~~GRIFFITH-THOMAS~~--"Works give an occasion of boasting. If a man fulfills the letter of the law, he has a right to demand salvation as his due, but there is no credit or merit in the act of believing for trust in another is absolutely incompatible w/ self-righteousness & dependence on our own powers."
(121)

3-"NAY"--straight & unequivocal answer

--Absolute negative

--Titus 3:5

--~~RUSKIN~~--"I believe that the root of every schism & heresy from which the Christian Church has ever suffered has been the effort of men to earn rather than to receive their salvation."

C.-Justification Is By Faith:

1-"By the law of faith"

2-By a law which enjoins not works, but on the contrary, enjoins faith alone

3-~~GRIFFITH-THOMAS~~--"The very fact that we are dependent upon another shows that we thereby cease to depend upon ourselves." (121)

4-Therefore, boasting indeed excluded

--1 Cor. 1:26-31

--This is a "REASONED CONCLUSION"---3:28

5-Justification

--Ancient question

--Job. 25:4-6

--TIME MAG.---"The doctrine of justification by faith alone was the keystone doctrine of the Reformation" Aug. 23 '63

--1963 Helsinki Conference--4th Conference of Lutheran World Conference

***Dr. Gerthard Gloege, Bonn Unive. says, "It is an open secret that today neither the church nor the world knows what to do with this doctrine of justification. For the fathers it was the fountain & rule of faith & life. For the church today it is clearly an embarrassment."

****REASON ONE---"the plain fact that even after 4 centuries, justification by faith alone is only vaguely comprehensible to millions"

****REASON TWO---"downgrading works seems less acceptable than ever to self-justifying activist modern man."

****REASON THREE---Federation's Commission on Theology says "Modern Biblical study makes it clear that justification is not, as Luther thought, the dominating theme of the New Testament."



--HODGE---"He who rejects the doctrine of justification by faith, rejects the gospel. His whole method of salvation & system of religion, must be different from those of the Apostles." (50)

6-"By Faith"--Luther--"Sola" (Alone) on 3:28

--Luther--"Here I realized that I had been truly reborn, & had entered Paradise itself thru open doors." (Written of his conversion thru Rom. 3:28)

--M. TAYLOR---"A man is not saved FOR believing, but

IN believing. The work is DONE; believing is not a merit or payment or work I bring to God to meet the case; so much faith for so much forgiveness, a little more & you are sanctified, & so on as if faith were pocket money. The whole work is done the moment I believe what God has told me about Christ."

--"Without the deeds of the law"

--H. D. McDONALD (vice-principal, London Bible College, England) "Roman Catholicism makes the church's

sacraments working EX OPERO OPERATO, produce & maintain the status by which a man is made acceptable with God. But the Scriptures declare justification to be "by faith" Article, Christianity Today, Apr. 13, 1962



II.-JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH IS UNIVERSALLY EQUAL 3:29-30:

A.-Justification For Whom?:

1-"Is He the God of the Jews only?"=="Does God belong to the Jews only?"

2-This is what the Jews thought

+That's why Jonah was so upset

+That's why Peter (Acts 10) was so unbelieving

+Missed the MISSIONARY VISION

+God would be the God of the Jews only if justification were by the law, for the Jews alone had the law.

3-"Is He not also of the Gentiles?"

--Gentiles are "the unclean of the nations" to Jews

--Their concept was of JEW as the head & GENTILES as the tail in subservience

--No thought of equality before God by the Jews

B.-Justification For All:

1-"Yes, of the Gentiles also" DECLARATIVE PROPOSITION

2-HODGE--"We Gentiles may now look to heaven & confidently say, 'Thou art our Father', though Abraham be ignorant of us & though Israel acknowledge us not." (157)

3"Seeing it is one God which shall justify."

--Basic tenet of Judaism that God is ONE

--Deut. 6:4

--Thus, there are not TWO GODS that are true Gods

**God is one in His being

**God is one in His treatment of all nations

**Heb. 11:6

--Seeing that God is one, it is impossible for Him to have two different methods of saving mankind

4-"Shall justify"

--Scofield Note, P. 1195--"Justification...may be defined as the judicial act of God whereby he justly declares righteous one who believes on Jesus Christ."

--Divine method in every age

--Acts. 13:38-39

--Gal. 2:16

5- For all Circumcision

--Uncircumcision

--No difference--3:23

--10:12-13

--No special claims allowed for Jews under the Gospel

--Justification by works might allow special claims, but not justification by faith

6-To a common salvation--Gal. 3:28

--Col. 3:11

--Eph. 3:6

C.-Justification By Faith:

1-Both---Jew & Gentile---are saved the same way

2-DENNY--"In its universality & sameness, it is consistent with (as indeed it flows from) the unity of God. There can be no step-children in the family of God." (613)

3-GRIFFITH-THOMAS--"Righteousness through faith, therefore, is the only doctrine which properly harmonizes with the Old Testament view of God. God is one Who will justify the Jews from the starting point of faith, not of works; & will justify the Gentiles thru the instrumentality of faith, not by the yoke of the law." (122)

4-DENNY says that the difference in expression between "by" and "thru", "serves no purpose except to vary the expression" (614)

5-THUS Justification has no source in law-keeping, but

in faith & this faith is open to ALL on the same footing
of FAITH

6-MONEY WILL BUY

A bed---but not sleep
Books---but not brains
Food---but not appetite
Finery---but not beauty
A house---but not a home
Medicine---but not health
Luxuries---but not culture
Amusement---but not happiness
A crucifix---but not a Savior
A church pew---but not heaven

BUT what you cannot buy, you can receive as a gift, thru faith

7-And BOTH Jew & Gentile must be saved the same way, because they will be justified by the SAME GOD

III.*JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH ESTABLISHES THE LAW--3:31:

A.-Justification Void The Law?:

- 1-A very serious & important question
- 2-"Make void"=="annul, cancel, make of none effect"
- 3-Constant "battle cry" of those who appose grace apart from law
- 4-~~THEIR QUESTION~~: --Doesn't this 'faith way' open the door to disregard the law & lead to license of living?
- 5-Their question is based upon an insufficient view of justif.
- 6-ANSWER: --"God forbid"
=="Let not such a thing be considered" WUEST
=="Banish the thought" NEWELL

B.-Justification Establishes The Law:

1-What is meant?

2-Scofield Note--P. 1195--"The sinner establishes the law in its right use & honor by confessing his guilt, & acknowledging that by it he is justly condemned. Christ on the sinner's behalf, establishes the law by enduring its penalty, DEATH"

3-HALDANE--"The Apostle's doctrine really establishes the law by making Christ fulfill its demands, which man could not possibly do, & so the O. T. law is not made void, but really established thru the gospel. As we have all broken that law & are still liable to violate its requirements, so we commit ourselves as sinners to Him Who fulfilled the law & saves from under its curse those who thus entrust themselves to Him. No man can obtain righteousness by law unless he perfectly satisfies its demands, & as it is impossible for sinful man to do this, he turns for righteousness to One who had kept that law perfectly. Thus in Christ as perfect righteousness, law is really established in

the only possible way, & the man who seeks righteousness by works will always come short of that perfection which the law demands"

4-So....the law gets its due; its full rights are fulfilled

5-ILLUS--In the wilderness a man was found gathering up sticks

to make a fire on the Sabbath day. Now, the Law had said, "Ye shall kindle no fire throughout your habitations on the Sabbath day." How, then, was this Law to be "established"? By letting the law-breaker off? No. By securing his promise to keep the Law in the future?

NO.! By finding someone who had kept this commandment always, perfectly, & letting his obedience be reckoned to the law-breaker? NO, IN NO WISE!

How then, was the Law established? You know very well. All Israel were commanded by God to stone the man to death.

THUS & thus only was the commandment of God ESTABLISHED---by the EXECUTION OF THE PENALTY.

Paul preached Christ crucified: that Christ died for our sin that "He tasted death for every man."

6-Scriptures:

--Mt. 5:17-18--"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven & earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."

--Gal. 2:21--"I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain

--Rom. 8:4

7-L. S. CHAFER---"The law has never been kept by those who tried to keep it. It is kept, however, by those who humbly acknowledge their helplessness to do anything well-pleasing to God, & who turn & find shelter in Christ who has met every demand of the law for them. Such, and only such, have ever vindicated the holy law of God. The people who attempt to keep the law have always outraged the law." (IV-240)

CONCLUSION:

A.-Three Consequences Of Justification:

- 1-Justification by faith excludes boasting
- 2-Justification by faith is universally equal
- 3-Justification by faith establishes the law

B.-Comments:

- 1-Justification doesn't NULLIFY the law, but GLORIFIES it!
- 2-C.N. BARTLETT--"God's law condemns that God's grace may redeem. We must be brought to see that we are naught in self, that we may find all in Christ." (54)
- 3-Gal. 6:14-15--"But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature."
- 4-ARE

YOU

A NEW CREATURE? ?

A New Name In Glory
Verily Verily
In The Cross of Christ

Intro: A.-ILLUS:

An enterprising shoestore owner in New York decided to try an experiment. He put 2 identical pairs of shoes in the show window side by side, & above them a sign reading: "There is absolutely no difference between these shoes. One pair is priced at \$6.95, & the other at \$12.95. We just want to see which price you prefer."

Three women out of every 4 suspected trickery & insisted on buying the shoes for \$12.95. It is really not too important when all that is lost is \$6. But God has allowed it to be that salvation by free grace is put before men who are so suspicious that they will reject it in order to turn to a supposed salvation by works which will, in reality land them in outer darkness. Such suspicion is really BLIND UNBELIEF. It is faith that launches itself upon the Word of God.....the only being in the universe Who cannot be mistaken.

B.-Rom. 3:31-4:8:

1-3:31 is a transition verse between chapters 3 & 4

2-Paul answers the question: "Does this method of grace thru faith agree with the salvation of leading O. T. Characters?"

--Takes 2 outstanding O. T. personages

--Abraham "Our Father"---BEFORE the law

--David "Our Great King"---UNDER the law

--In the mouth of 2 or 3 witnesses a thing shall be established:

3-So, Paul proves that this method of justification by grace thru faith is exactly the same method of salvation which these old saints enjoyed

C.-Justification By Faith, Not Works (4:1-8):

1-The Case Of Abraham--J. by Faith Illustrated (4:1-5)

--The Necessity of faith 4:1-2

--The Object of faith 4:2-3

--The Principle of faith 4:4-5

(This one)

2-The Case Of David--J. by Faith Appreciated (4:6-8)

--David's Case 4:6

(Next week)

--David's Confession 4:6-8

3-These 2 messages make up one complete thought, but must be dealt with separately because of length

4-Both together show that Justification is BY FAITH, not by WORKS

I.-JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH ILLUSTRATED--THE CASE OF ABRAHAM (4:1-5):**A.-The Necessity Of Faith (4:1-2):**

1-Grows out of the discussion of justification by faith in 3:21-31

2-Need to show that the ONE GOD of Jew & Gentile alike saves them both by ONE WAY of salvation

3-GRIFFITH-THOMAS--This passage shows that justification by faith was "not only foreshadowed & predicted, but actually seen as early as Abraham." (P. 126)

4-Since God is both loving & righteous, He would recognize in us any righteousness of man or merit of works IF THERE WERE ANY SUCH to be recognized

Since God does not recognize such, there is THEREFORE EXCLUDED any merit or works for salvation.

5-"Hath found"=="attained by his own efforts" VINCENT
=="in respect to his own independent works & merits"---MOULE

6-Abraham had much in which to boast--or congratulate himself

- His family
- His wealth
- His herds
- His fame
- His position

7-GODET---"He had a great deal of which to glory, but it had no effect on his relation to God."

8-No man can look GOD in the face & boast of his own righteousness & merit

9-Isa. 64:6---"But we are all as an unclean thing, & all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags;"

10-So, we see that FAITH, not WORKS is necessary for justification

B.-The Object Of Faith (4:2-3):

1-Not in our own flesh or merit or works which WE do

2-These are EXCLUDED

--Titus 3:5---"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy he saved us..."

--Eph. 2:8-10---"For by grace are we saved through faith: & that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

--That's what Job had to learn as God cured him of "Perpendicular Pronoun-itus"; The Big "I"

3-"For what saith the Scriptures?"

--Marvellous court of final authority

--WESTMINSTER CONFESSIOIN ---"The Scriptures are our only infallible rule of faith and practice"

--Do WE turn to find the Bible as our fountain of authority on the great issues of life?

--If so----we have a sure source of true information

--If ~~not~~----we cast ourselves loose upon the sea of life without chart, compass or rudder for our small personal ship

--The Scriptures are OUR AUTHORITY! ! ! ! !

--We can implicitly trust them !

4-"Abraham believed God"

--Simple statement, Yet pregnant with meaning

--Revered above all others as the father of the Jews

--NEWELL---"To discover that the greatest saints have no other standing than the weakest saints, is a lesson that is difficult for all of us! So now for the Jew to find that great Abraham has nothing in the flesh, but must be just by simple faith is a great shock." (132)

--Scripture says Abraham BELIEVED, not that he ACHIEVED

--That's "by faith", not "by works"

- Abraham did the only righteous thing possible. He believed in the righteous God
- Gen. 15:6 in context
- Faith must be PINPOINTED
- Was pinpointed IN GOD
- BARTLETT--"Justifying faith is not trust in any THING; it is trust in GOD" (P. 55)
- Faith has 2 Parts

(1) RENUNCIATION of all self-effort

(2) RELIANCE upon God alone

- ILLUS--The value of a PAPER DOLLAR is not in that dollar itself, but in the GOVERNMENT which backs it
- So, with God who honors the BANKNOTE of faith
- And remember; No "crashes" in the Bank of heaven

5-"And"--I love this

--inexorable & marvellous result

--You see Abraham believing God....."AND it was counted unto him for righteousness"

--This was Abraham's only claim to eternal life

6-"It was counted unto him for righteousness"

--VERY IMPORTANT WORDS

--The fact of Abraham's trusting God to perform His promise was ALL God was looking for!

--"counted"***not too good a translation of the Gk

**also "reckon", "imputed", "conclude", "esteem"

**41 times in N. T.

**35 times by Paul

**11 times in Rom. 41

**Meaning=="TO PUT TO ONE'S ACCOUNT"

**Bookkeeping term

**Debit or Credit is determined by context 3:16

**Idea arises from "Book of Remembrance" in Mal/

**ILLUS--Different word, but same thought in Philemon 18

7-SO--We see that when God is the object of faith, as He was with Abraham, then God as an act of grace puts it down to our account as the full righteousness of His own Son being OURS

8-What a contrast between BIBLE TRUTH & ROMAN CATHOLIC DOCTRINE

--Quote Rom. 4:3-5 in Douay Version--"For what does the Scripture say? 'Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as justice! Now to him who works, the reward is not credited as a favor, but as something due. But to him who does not work, but believes in him who justifies the impious, his faith is credited to him as justice.'"

--Given to us with one hand

--AND TAKEN AWAY with the other

--Footnote on Rom. 4:3 on same page--"We should distinguish between justification and salvation. We cannot be saved without good works, and accordingly St. Paul repeatedly insists on the necessity of avoiding sin & doing good." (P. 410)

C.-The Principle Of Faith (4:4-5):

- 1-"4:4-5 represent one of the sharpest contrasts between faith & works in the entire Bible. Faith receives God's grace. Works attempts to pay a debt. They are opposite." M.O.Massinger
- 2-4:4-5 are an exposition & explanation of Gen. 15:6
- 3-One who has done a laborious task doesn't have a reward, but a debt due him. It is not of grace.
- 4-Grace is undeserved kindness & is not the fulfillment of a debt.

5-ILLUS---When you go up to the paymaster's window to get your pay envelope, how do you do it? If you go up knowing you've earned every penny of the wages to be paid, you do so confidently & boldly, not backing up to the window.

But if you go up to get an envelope for which you have no claim or right, then you are receiving not WAGES, but a GIFT; Not a DEBT, but an evidence of GRACE.

Let me personalize. Each week I am not bashful to hold out my hand for the paycheck which Mr. Mitchell gives to me in behalf of my ministry here. I labor, and I am paid for my laboring. However, in March 1964 I had something quite of a different nature take place. I had to be absent for the funeral of my Mother. When I returned, I had done no work in behalf of the church for 8 days that I was gone. Yet, I was graciously given my check anyway. Now that check was not in any sense "wages", for I had not labored for it. Rather, it was a "gift" as an evidence of grace.

All I had to do---or could do---was to take it

...AND I DID!

6-All God asks is--Not works

--But believing

--"Trusting Jesus, That is all"

--That believing must be "on Him"

7-WHO can be justified?

--"Believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly"

--"Ungodly"=="a person who is destitute of reverential awe toward God; an impious person"

**Rom. 3:18

**Rom. 5:6

--"The whole Pauline Gospel could be summed up in this one word--GOD WHO JUSTIFIES THE UNGODLY". Denny, (616)

--That's the only kind God saves !!

--Lk. 5:32--"I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance"

--NEWELL--"Do you not see that all this distinction between sinners is an abomination before a holy God?"(133)

--NO DIFFERENCE (3:23)

**Nobleman or Knave

**Honorable or Harlot

--If you have not relied upon God as an ungodly one, you have yet to be declared righteous.

8-ILLUS---Story from Wm. R. Newell

Years ago in the city of St. Louis, I was holding noon meetings in the Century Theatre. One day I spoke on Rom. 4:5 After the audience had gone, I was addressed by a fine-looking man of middle age, who had been waiting alone in a box-seat for me.

He immediately said, "I am Captain Gordon," (a man very widely known in the city). And when I sat down to talk with him, he began, "You are speaking to the most ungodly man in St. Louis."

"THANK GOD", I said.

"What!" he cried. "Do you mean you are glad that I am bad?"

"NO," I said, "BUT I CERTAINLY AM GLAD TO FIND A SINNER WHO KNOWS HE'S A SINNER."

"Oh, you do not know the half! I have been absolutely ungodly for years and years and years, right here in St. Louis. I own two Mississippi steamers. Everybody knows me. I am just the most ungodly man in town!"

I could hardly get him quiet enough to ask him: "DID YOU HEAR ME PREACH ON 'UNGODLY PEOPLE' TODAY?"

"Mr. Newell", he said, "I have been coming to these noon meetings for 6 weeks. I do not think I have missed a meeting. But I cannot tell you a word you spoke today. I did not sleep last night. I have hardly had any sleep for 3 weeks. I have gone to one man after another to find what to do. And I do what they say. I have read the bible. I have prayed. I have given money away. But I am the most ungodly wretch in this town. Now what do you tell me TO DO? I waited here today to ask you that. I have tried everything; but I am so ungodly!"

"NOW," I said, "WE WILL TURN TO THE VERSE I PREACHED ON." I gave the Bible into his hands, asking him to read aloud: "To him that worketh not."

"BUT," he cried out, "HOW CAN THIS BE FOR ME? I AM THE MOST UNGODLY MAN IN ST. LOUIS!"

"Wait," I said, "I BEG YOU GO ON READING."

So he read, "To him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly"

"There!" he fairly shouted, "that is what I am,---UNGODLY!"

"Then, this verse is about you," I assured him.

"But please tell me what to do, Mr. Newell. I know I am ungodly; what shall I do?"

"READ THE VERSE AGAIN, PLEASE."

He read: "TO HIM THAT WORKETH NOT", and I stopped him.

"THERE", I said, "THE VERSE SAYS NOT TO DO, AND YOU WANT ME TO TELL YOU SOMETHING TO DO: I CANNOT DO THAT."

"But there must be something to do; if not, I shall be lost forever."

"NOW LISTEN WITH ALL YOUR SOUL," I said. "THERE WAS SOMETHING TO DO, BUT IT HAS BEEN DONE!"

Then I told him how God had so loved him, all ungodly as he was, that He sent Christ to die for the ungodly. And that God's judgement had fallen on Christ, who has been forsaken of God for his, CAPTAIN GORDON'S, sins there on the cross.

Then I said, "God raised up Christ; and sent us preachers to beseech men, all ungodly as they are, to believe on this God who declares righteous the ungodly, on the ground of Christ's shed blood."

He suddenly leaped to his feet & stretched out his hand to me. "Mr. Newell," he said, "I WILL ACCEPT THAT PROPOSITION!" & off he went without another word.

Next noonday, at the opening of the meeting, I saw him beckoning me from the wings of the stage. I went to him.

"May I say a word to these people?" he asked.

I saw his shining face, & gladly brought him in.

I said to the great audience, "FRIENDS, THIS IS CAPTAIN GORDON, WHOM MOST, IF NOT ALL OF YOU, KNOW. HE WANTS TO SAY A WORD TO YOU."

"I want to tell you all of the greatest proposition ever I found," he cried. I am a business man, & know a good proposition. But I found one yesterday that so filled me with joy, that I could not sleep a wink all night. I found out that God for Jesus Christ's sake declares righteous any ungodly man that trusts Him. I TRUSTED HIM YESTERDAY: and you all know what an ungodly man I was. I thank you all for listening to me; but I felt I could not help but tell you of this wonderful proposition; that God should count me righteous. I have been such a great sinner."

This beloved man lived many years in St. Louis, an ornament to his confession.

CONCLUSION:

A.-Test Case:

- 1-Abraham is God's choice illustration
- 2-Abraham had to be justified by faith, not works
- 3-REACTION INTENDED---If Abraham our illustrious father must be justified by faith apart from works, then there is no hope that we can, through good works, earn righteousness." Dr. Harlin J. Roper.

B.-Detail:

- 1-Necessity of Faith-----4:1-2
- 2-Object of Faith-----4:2-3
- 3-Principle of Faith-----4:4-5

C.-Personalization:

- 1-Abraham had to come "by faith"
- 2-So did I
- 3-So must you
- 4-Are you willing to admit that you are UNGODLY in God's sight and in need of the righteousness which only comes BY FAITH in Christ.???

O That Will Be Glory
Come Thou Faith.

Trusting Jesus

And Can It Be That I Should Gain?
Christ Receiveth Sinful Men

Westbrae 10/25/64

INTRO.:**A.-Multiplicity Of Witnesses Required:****1-Idolaters to be stoned**

--Deut. 17:2-7

--17:6

--Two or more agreeing witnesses required

2-Any iniquity required more than the accusation of one person to be proven

--Deut. 19:15-21

--Remedial effect to discipline

--**ALSO** a Preventive effect too!**3-Principle is carried over into the age of grace**

--Mt. 18:15-17

--Gives the procedure for setting right a wrong between brethren

--Urges the use of 2 or 3 witnesses

--Applied to Elders in 1 Tim. 5:19-20--"Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before 2 or 3 witnesses. Them that sin (habitually) rebuke before all, that others also may fear."

B.-Application To Romans 4:1-8:1-Truth here enforced of Justification by **FAITH**, not by **WORKS**2-**Two witnesses** are cited in Rom. 4:1-83-4:1-5--**Abraham** is 1st witness

--"Father" to the Jewish people

--Lived **BEFORE** the Law--**Illustrated** the principle of Justification by **faith ALONE**4-4:6-8--**David** is 2nd witness cited

--Israel's greatest King

--Lived **UNDER** the Law--**Appreciation** recorded for his being justified by faith5-These 2 witnesses **agree**

6-This settles the matter, Biblically

7-Therefore, Justification must be "by faith" & NOT "by works"

I.-DAVID'S CASE (THE BACKGROUND REVIEWED):**A.-His Great Sin--2 Sam. 11:1-27**1-Sin of **ADULTERY**

2-Attempt to cover up his path of sin

--called for Uriah

--found Uriah too much of a soldier to "take the easy way out"

--Illustration of 2 Tim. 2:3-4--"Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life..."

--Even drink didn't budge him in his resolve.

- 3-Sent Uriah to the front lines
 - Killed there
 - Sin of MURDER is added
- 4-Verdict of God-----11:27

B.-His Great Confession (2 Sam. 12:1-13a; Ps. 51):

1-Nathan the Prophet

- Told King David a parable
- "One little ewe lamb"
- A convincing case is made out
- David's anger is aroused
- 12:5-6
- "THOU ART THE MAN"-----Dagger of accusation!

2-Reminds David

- Anointed King
- Delivered out of Saul's hand
- Given the Nation of Israel & Judah united
- "WHEREFORE hast thou despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight? Thou hast Killed Uriah

3-David's Confession

- "I have sinned against the LORD"
- Ps. 51:1-12 is the full expression of his repentance
- Led to definite vows before God
- 51:13-17
- Expectation was sure because he knew God
- 51:18-19

C.-His Great Deliverance (2 Sam. 12:13b-23a; Ps. 32:1-11):

1-Nathan's words of comfort

- 12:13b
- FORGIVENESS--"The LORD also hath put away thy sin"
- GRACE--"Thou shalt not die"
- Because BOTH David & Bathsheba should have been stoned to death (De. 22:22)

2-Nathan's words of judgment

- 12:14
- Grace pardons freely
- But sin leaves its SCARS !
- Saying "I am sorry" is not enough
- Can't remove the inexorable effect of sin

3-Remedy for a guilty conscience---Ps. 32

- The Penalty of Guilt--32:1-4
- The Path of Righteousness--32:5-9
- The Pleasure of Restoration--32:10-11

4-THUS it is from this passage

- "Blessed" in 32:1
- Description of the man who knew "blessedness"
- Quoted in Rom. 4:6-8
- See there the APPRECIATION of a Godly man
- Confirmation of the witness of Abraham

A.-Blessed Imputation of Righteousness (4:6):

- 1-"Even as David also described"
- 2-MOULE---"This quotation is specially to the point, being not only an inspired statement of truth, but made by one who had been guilty of deep 'ungodliness' & had himself experienced justification under that condition" (91)
- 3-"The blessedness"--the condition of being spiritually
happy & prosperous
--Highest Gk. term of felicity
- 4-"Of the man unto whom God imputeth righteousness w/o works"
 - of any man
 - of David
 - but not limited alone to David
 - God put righteousness to his account
 - TOTALLY apart from works
 - Pettingill ---"Salvation ==Faith plus NOTHING"

B.-Blessed Non-Imputation of Sin (4:7-8):

- 1-"Saying"==an exact parallel to the sense of 4:3--"For what saith the Scriptures?"
- 2-"Lawlessnesses forgiven"--Put away forever
 - Were forgiven once for all
 - Heb. 9:26--"...but now once in the end of the age hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself."
- 3-"Sins are (were) covered"
- 4-4:8
- 5-Imputed Righteousness & Non-imputed Sin
 - Jn. 5:24--"Verily, verily I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, but shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."
 - Not now condemned
 - Nor at any time, ever
 - Hallelujah

6-BARTLETT--"This quotation from Ps. 32 leads us to wonder whether people appreciate as deeply as they should the blessedness of the forgiveness of sins. Does the pardoning of our iniquities seem to be as imperatively needed as the healing of our bodies when stricken by some deadly disease? The real blessing of forgiven sin is the restoration of fellowship with God. The temporal benefits of having roads reopened & telephone lines repaired after a devastating blizzard are but the faintest illustrations on a material plane of the immeasurable blessing of having God's forgiveness renew our communion with Him after sin has played havoc with our lives & hearts. The more God means to us the more we hate all that breaks (fellowship with Him), & the more do we prize all that builds, fellowship with Him." (55-56)

CONCLUSION: A.-Illustration (from Kenneth Taylor)

A man was having a lot of trouble with his eyes. His doctor examined him carefully & then shook his head. "My friend," he said, "you are in trouble. There is only one doctor anywhere near here who can help you. It is going to take a very difficult &

expensive operation to fix them up." The doctor wrote down a name & address on a piece of paper & gave it to the man. "Here is the name of the doctor who can help you," he said. "I would advise you to go at once & take plenty of money with you, for it's going to cost a lot."

The man had eighty dollars in the bank, so he got his money & went to see the other doctor. After examining his eyes very carefully, he said, "Yes, you need the operation, & in a hurry. And I am not sure you can pay what it will cost. I never accept less than \$500 for this particular operation."

"Well then," said the man in sad despair, "I guess I'll just have to go blind, because I have only eighty dollars."

But the good doctor said, "There is one other way to solve our trouble. You don't have enough to pay for the bill, & I can't charge you as little as \$80, but there is another way open to us—I WILL DO THE OPERATION FOR NOTHING.".....And that is just what he did.

B.-Application:

So it is with God & with us. Not one of us has anywhere near enough to pay for the operation on our hearts that will make us fit for heaven, & God cannot sell us the operation cheaply. So He gives it to us without charge. IF we ask Jesus, who died to pay our way.

But the Jews Paul was writing to didn't like Jesus & didn't think they needed Jesus & didn't think they needed help. "Let us alone," they said, "and we'll get to heaven by ourselves JUST LIKE ABRAHAM & DAVID DID."

So now Paul is talking to them about Abraham, for he was the first of the Jews, & they all thought whatever he did was the very best & that they should do the same. Well, Paul asks, how did Abraham & David get to heaven. It wasn't because he was a Jew, or because he had done enough "works".

No, he was saved just like anyone else, by believing & trusting in God. He could never have paid his own way but he gladly accepted God's gift. Have you?

C.-True:

- 1-Of Abraham?????----YES
- 2-Of David?????????----YES
- 3-Of You?????????????---well?
- 4-Can you say:

"Blessed is THIS MAN whose iniquities are forgiven, & whose sins are covered. Blessed is THIS MAN to whom the Lord will not impute sin."

Once For All
Solo - Room AT The Cross For You

Westlake - 11/1/64

INTRO: A.-Ordinances:

- 1-Jews had--Circumcision
--Sabbath
- 2-Roman Catholics have 7 Sacraments
 - Baptism
 - Confirmation
 - The Mass
 - Marriage
 - Ordination
 - Penance
 - Extreme Unction
- 3-True, Biblical Protestants have--Baptism
--Lord's Supper
- 4-Do these CONFER eternal life?
- 5-Do these MAKE a soul righteous?

B.-Other Messages:

- 1-Already seen that the OT & NT agree
 - Justification before God is BY FAITH
 - Justification before God is OPEN to Jew & Gentile alike
- 2-Now need to see if justification is
 - BY rites, rituals or ordinances
 - APART from rites, rituals or ordinances

C.-This Message:

- 1-The Question--4:9
- 2-The Answer---4:10
- 3-The Proofs----4:11a
- 4-The Purposes--4:11b-12

I.-THE QUESTION (4:9):**A.-Stated:**

- 1-"Cometh this blessedness then upon the circumcision only, or upon the uncircumcision also?..." (4:9a)
- 2-The reference to David's case (4:6-8) merges with the main argument from Abraham's case
- 3-Does this blessedness find itself restricted to the circumcised?
- 4-Or does this blessedness extend to those not circumcised?
 - As Abraham was
 - Larger question of ALL of the GENTILES
 - GRIFFITH-THOMAS--"Thus far the Apostle has only been speaking about Abraham as the ancestor of the Jews, & it is therefore essential to know whether the blessedness of righteousness thru faith is for Gentiles as well, or for Jews alone." (135)

B.-Supported:

- 1-"...for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for 'righteousness.' (4:9b)
- 2-Summary of Rom. 4:1-5
- 3-Saved by FAITH, not WORKS
- 4-Righteousness of Christ was "put to his account" in the Lamb's Book of Life.

II.-THE ANSWERS (4:10):

A.-How?:

- 1-"How was it then reckoned?"
- 2-By faith
- 3-4:3-5

B.-When?:

- 1-"...when he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision?"
- 2-Big difference made by answer here
- 3-How shall we know?
- 4-HISTORY enables us to KNOW for sure
- 5-REVELATION enables us to TRUST the accuracy
- 6-Gen. 15:6 predeeds Gen. 17:1-24 by at least 14 years
- 7-4:10c--"Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision"
- 8-GRIFFITH-THOMAS--"...therefore his righteousness came to him, not as a circumcised Jew, but as an ordinary individual who exercised faith in God." (135)

C.-What?: (Pridham, P. 64)

- 1-Circumcision had a 2-fold force & meaning
- 2-FIRST--To natural seed of Abraham
 - Distinctive token of separation
 - Separation from all the rest of the families of the earth
- 3-SECOND--To believer
 - To real "seed"
 - Additional meaning to children of promise
 - Mark of separation TO GOD

III.-THE PROOFS (4:11a):

A.-The Sign:

- 1-"And he received the sign of circumcision"
 - Not of human devising
 - But of divine design
 - "Received", not "Achieved"
 - Remember, God justifies not those observing ordinances, but the UNGODLY who believe
 - 4:5
- 2-"The sign"=="the attesting sign" WUBST
 - Circumcision was a physical mark to denote the accomplished fact of circumcision of the heart
 - OUTWARD symbol of INWARD reality
 - Just so, BAPTISM TODAY is an outward sign we are Christ's in faith & identification, & that we no longer belong to the world.

3-HODGE--"The sacraments & ceremonies of the Church, useful when viewed in their proper light, become ruinous when perverted into grounds of confidence. What answers well as a sign, is a miserable substitute for the thing signified. Circumcision will not serve for righteousness, nor baptism for regeneration."

AMEN

4-NEWELL--"If you are still regarding baptism, or the Lord's supper, or 'the mass', or 'christening', or 'confirmation', as having anything whatever to do with God's declaring you righteous, you do not understand being declared righteous as an UNGODLY ONE. And in the gospel, since the cross, you are not told first to cease being ungodly, & then believe; BUT, AS UNGODLY TO BELIEVE!

Neither baptism nor the Lord's Supper (upon both of which in distorted form, thousands have rested, as 'Sacraments' commending them to God) has power to give any standing whatever before a righteous God: that belongs only to the shed blood of the Redeemer of guilty and hopeless ones such as are we all!

Note that here, first HUMAN WORKS are set aside as a ground of righteousness; and then DIVINE ORDINANCES are just as fully set aside." (P.139)

5-So we see the first proof that justification is by faith & not rites in that circumcision is a "sign" of attestation, not a saving ordinance

B.-The Seal:

1-"...the seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised."

2-So circumcision was not a means of gaining faith or salvation, but a proof of the faith which Abraham already had.....AND HAD POSSESSED FOR 14 YEARS

3-"The seal"--a formal, legal attestation that He who prescribed the rite held to His grant already made.

--N. B. HARRISON--"Such things may follow our acceptance with God, but can in no wise contribute to it." (P.52)

--Doesn't CONVEY, but ATTESTS Abraham's justification by faith

--Didn't CONFER, but CONFIRMED the righteousness which was by faith

--Phs. 3:9--"And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ the righteousness which is of God by faith:"

4-STIFLER--"In no dispensation do rites bestow anything; they are the shadow, not the substance; they are the seal. But the seal is worthless apart from the matter or the document that it attests. The Jew had torn off the seal from the covenant, & then vainly boasted of this meaningless imprint." (The Epistle To The Romans, P. 74)

5-So we see the second proof that justification is by faith & NOT RITES, in that circumcision was given as "a seal" of the righteousness had by faith, & not by a salvation-conveying ordinance.

IV.-THE PURPOSES (4:11b-12):

A.-Father In "Believing" (4:11b):

1-Progenitor of the faithful--First in TIME

--First in EXAMPLE

2-GRIFFITH-THOMAS--"The divine object in the case of Abraham was to bring blessing to all classes, the Jews and the

- Gentiles. Abraham was to be 'the father of all them that believe,' whether they were circumcised or uncircumcised.
- 3-All believers, without distinction, should recognize Abraham as their spiritual father, or EXAMPLE
- 4-Gal. 3:7-9--"Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham."

5-This relation to ALL

--thru BELIEVING

--not thru CIRCUMCISION

6*Paul entirely destroys the Jewish boasting in circumcision by showing that Abraham was not circumcised in order to be saved, but was saved in order to be circumcised

7-A striking turning of the tables on Jewish exclusiveness

--Not the Gentile who must come a JEWISH WAY

--But the Jew who must come to a GENTILE FAITH apart from ordinances.

B.-Father In "Behaving" (4:12):

1-"...But who also walk in the steps of faith of our Father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised."

--Apart from law

--Apart from works

--Apart from rites

--An ORDERLY WALK

--God expects this of us

2-"In the steps"=="By the steps," as a rule or model

--Phs. 3:16--"Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing."

--ILLUS--Well known military term meaning strictly to MARCH IN FILE ... IN STEP

--Abraham is "first in the line of faith"

--Each of us is to be "in step" with Him

3-Application

--Ritual must follow righteousness

--Life must produce fruit----NEVER the reverse

--Baptism, Church membership & service are PRACTICES of Christians, not the PRODUCERS of Christians

CONCLUSION:

A.-The Recapitulation:

1-The Question--4:9--Blessedness of Justification obtained by circumcision or not

2-The Answer----4:10--Circumcision isn't the issue at all!

3-The Proofs----4:11a--Sign & Seal AFTER justification, not BEFORE

4-The Purposes--4:11b-12--

--Father in BELIEVING

--Father in BEHAVING

--Take lessons from Abraham's life

--TENT & ALTAR

B.-The Reason:

1-4:1-8--Justification is by faith, not WORKS

2-4:9-12-Justification is by faith, not RITES

3-Jew was to TRUST GOD, Not to TRUST CIRCUMCISION

4-Christian is to TRUST GOD also

--Not to trust in Baptism

--Not to trust in Confirmation

--Not to trust in Communion

--Not to trust in Church membership

--These are but OUTWARD symbols of INWARD reality

--ILLUS---Bob Mc Pheeters who had been trusting in these externals until he was in the next pew back from Mrs. Kopecky in Houston when the Lord took her home during a morning worship service. Bob realized if the "call" of death had come 1 row farther back, HE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN READY!

5-Do you have the INWARD REALITY?

6-OR are you trusting only in the OUTWARD SYMBOLS?

Hymns: "The Way of the Cross Leads Home"

"At the Cross"

"Only Trust Him"

Rom. 4:1-25

FAITH VERSUS WORKS

See Jas. 2:21-24 for sermon

Intro: A.-ILLUS:

(Ken Taylor). God was pleased when Abraham trusted Him and God was pleased when a Christian woman out in Africa trusted Him for a strange gift.

You see, her baby was sick. The mother was a poor, ignorant woman who had become a Christian & knew that Jesus was her Friend.

It was several months after she had asked Jesus to be her Savior that her little child became sick. Everyone thought the baby was surely going to die. Ice was needed but in that hot country there were no refrigerators or ice anywhere.

"I am going to ask God to send ice," the woman said to one of the missionaries.

"You can't expect Him to do that", said the missionary sadly.

"Why not?" asked the simple-hearted believer. "He has all the power, and He loves me. You told me so. I shall ask Him, & I believe He will send it."

She did ask Him, & God answered. Soon there came a great thunderstorm with rain and hail pelt-
ing down. Joyfully thanking God, the happy mother ran out into the storm with a large bown & scooped it full of icy hailstones. God heard & answered her "Impossible" prayer of faith.

Abraham was another one who always be-
lieved God, no matter how wonderfully impossible God's promises to him were. Today we will read about one of those strange promises. Do you think Abraham could believe it would actually happen?

LET'S READ & FIND OUT---Rom. 4:17-25

B.-Abraham's Faith And Ours:

1-Faith's Reasoning----4:17-19

2-Faith's Reward-----4:19-22

3-Faith's Realization--4:23-25

4-PROPOSITION---The path of faith for Abraham centuries ago is the same as it is for us today

5-So, we should learn about our faith from his faith

I.-FAITH'S REASONING (4:17-19):

A.-Faith In The Divine Object:

1-4:17 b--"before him whom he believed, even God"

2-Not WHAT we believe but WHOM we believe that constitutes "faith"

3-Emphasis is on the OBJECT of trust, not on an ACT of believing

4-Faith is--concrete

--real

--definite

--personal

5-Faith is not--theoretical

--abstract

--impersonal

6-Faith is in the PERSON of God

7-Removes the problem of "I find it hard to believe"

NOT when you are dealing with God as Faith's OBJECT !

B.-Faith In The Divine Power:

1-4:17c-"even God, who quickeneth the dead, & calleth those things which be not as though they were."

2-"Who quickeneth the dead"

=="makes alive"

--Noble description of Omnipotence

--Has immediate reference to the birth of Isaac in Abraham's old age when he & Sarah had been childless all their lives.

3-God could promise & perform what was not

4-Contrast--NATURAL LAW: from life comes death

--SPIRITUAL LAW: from death comes life

5-Abraham's faith was centered in God who possessed the omnipotent power to do the humanly impossible

--"Let there be light"....and there was

--"For with God nothing shall be impossible" Lk. 1:37

--"I have made thee a father of many nations"

C.-Faith In The Divine Word:

1-4:18

2-Everything seemed against Abraham so far as nature was concerned, & yet he rested absolutely upon God. "On the strength of hope" he believed even against hope.

3-DENNY--"Abraham's faith is described. It was both contrary to hope (as far as nature could give hope), & rested upon hope (that God could do what nature could not)". (P.620)

4-So--Divine Word is the "warrant" for faith

--Never failing

--What God is----TRUE

--What God says--SURE

--"Faith reasons from God & His Word, not from self or circumstances."

D.-Faith In Relation To Special Difficulties:

1-4:19

2-Those difficulties--Own age (99 years)

--Sarah's age (Probably in her 90's)

--Inability to have children even in the normally "fruitful years"

3-Against all natural appearances & probabilities he simply rested on God

4-Nothing unreal or emotional about Abraham's trust

5-Looked the difficulties full in the face & BELIEVED

6-ILLUS---Alberto Cruz

A.-Triumphant Expressions (4:19-21):

1-Those expressions

- "Being not weak in faith"
- "He staggered not"
- "Was strong in faith"
- "Giving God the glory"
- "Fully persuaded"
- "He was able to perform"

2-Here there is an entire absence of hesitation & indecision

3-GRIFFITH-THOMAS--"Faith ever finds its nutriment in the Word of God, & can only be strong as it feeds itself thereon. Weak faith is invariably due to a lack of the food of the promises. God's ability is the foundation of faith's stability." (P. 142)

4-Didn't have his eyes on--the past

- the "dead body" of his wife
- the "dead body" of himself

5-Did have eyes of faith centered on God!

6-Abraham's "fully persuaded" was simply & only a question of the veracity of God!

7-ILLUS--Two travelers on their way home came to a river frozen over, but evidently as yet not thick with ice. One said, "I am afraid that ice will not bear my wight," & he sat down in the cold. The other said, "I am going home," and strode forward over the ice with a steady step. He had committed himself! He refused to look at circumstances; & every step strengthened his resolve to go ahead. He reached the other bank, & eventually his home. The other man remained in the cold. THERE WAS NO UNCERTAINTY OR WAVERING in the first man!

+Mr. Moody used to say, "Unbelief sees something in God's hand, & says, I wish I had that. Faith sees it, & says I will have it!.....and gets it!"

+One has said:

"The steps of faith fall upon the seeming void,
And find the rock beneath!"

B.-Faith's Reward (4:22):

1-MOULE--"We have here a fuller account than anywhere else of the nature of Faith as essentially Trust; not mere historic belief, nor mental assent, but personal Trust; reposed, with application to self of the consequences, on the Divine Promiser as such." (P.96)

2-4:22

3-PAST imputation--"put to Abraham's account" because of dependent faith

4-Heb. 11:6--"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

5-This is how God met his servant's trust

-He still meets trust the same way!

6-God rejoices when our faith goes out to meet Him, resting solely on His Word & becoming fully assured that He will do as He has said.

A.-For His Sake (4:23):

- 1-Personal touch that God lets His child "in" on these things
- 2-Abraham was party of the "secrets" of God
- 3-As Gen. 18-19 in destruction of Sodom & Gomorah
- 4-But MORE than for Abraham's own sake

B.-For Our Sake's Also (4:24-25):

- 1-To show mode of OUR JUSTIFICATION too
- 2-When we similarly "give God the glory" by our absolute trust in HIM
- 3-thus--The story of Gen. 15 is not merely historical and archaeological
 - But also with a definite spiritual reference to us as believers in Christ
 - MOULE--"We have here a significant note of the Apostle's encouragement of minute study of the O.T. among his GENTILE converts" (P.96)

4-This Principle:

- Rom. 15:4--"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience & comfort of the scriptures might have hope."
- 1 Cor. 10:6--"Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they lusted."
- 1 Cor. 10:11--"Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples (or, types): and they are written for our admonition upon whom the ends of the world (or, age) are come."
- 1 Pet. 1:10-12

5-SEVEN-FOLD REVELATION OF GOD TO ABRAHAM:

- "The God of glory"--in Ur, Acts 7:2
- "Jehovah"--in the land, Gen. 12:8; 14:22; 15:2, 8, though not opening the meaning to him as later He did to Moses (Ex. 3:15)
- "El Elyon"--with Melchizedek, Gen. 14:19-22; Dan. 3:26, etc.
- "Adonai Jehovah"--at time of imputing, Gen. 15:2, 8 when he saw God as MASTER
- "El Shaddai"--"Almighty God", Sustainer, in Gen. 17:1
- "Everlasting God"--Gen. 21:33 after a time of controversy
- "Jehovah Jireh"--Gen. 22:8; especially, "The Lord shall provide A LAMB for sacrifice."

6-Divine Commentary:

- Jesus--Jn. 8:56; Said Abraham "saw my day & was glad"
- Hebrews--11:10; Said Abraham looked for City of Rev. 21 & 22
- God--Isa. 41:8 calls Abraham "Friend of God"
 - What a title
 - Shared by no angel or seraph
 - BUT you & I can share it! HALLELUJAH!

7-Distinctions:

- Abraham had faith in what God would do thru Christ
- We have faith in what God has done through Christ
- Abraham's faith was in PROMISE
- Our faith is in ACCOMPLISHED REDEMPTION

8*QUESTION---Is our dedication commensurate with this fuller revelation?

CONCLUSION:

A.--Recapitulation:

- 1-Faith's Reasoning-----TRUST GOD
- 2-Faith's Reward-----IMPUTATION
- 3-Faith's Realization-----FOR ABRAHAM....& FOR US ALSO
- 4-Proposition is reasonable---The path of faith for Abraham centuries ago is the same as it is for us today.

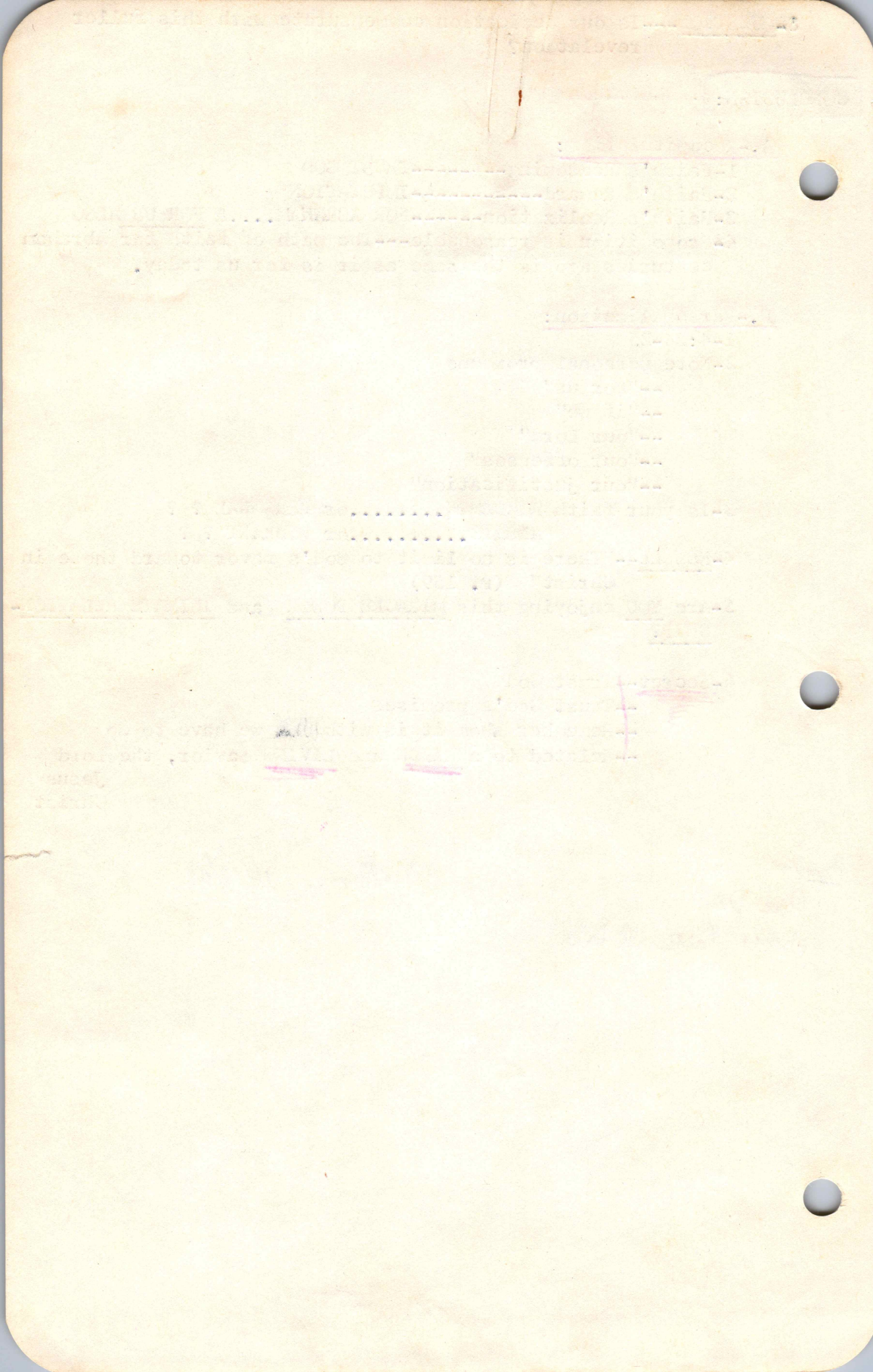
B.--Personalization:

- 1-4:24-25
- 2-Note personal pronouns
 - "for us"
 - "if we"
 - "our Lord"
 - "our offenses"
 - "our justification"
- 3-Is your faith ACADEMIC.....or PERSONAL ??
ANEMIC.....or VIBRANT ??
- 4-NEWELL---"There is no limit to God's favor toward those in Christ" (P. 159)
- 5-Are YOU enjoying this MIRACLE POWER and INIMATE RELATIONSHIP?
- 6-~~Secret~~---Trust God
 - Trust God's promises
 - Remember Whom it is with Whom we have to do
 - Related to a RISEN and LIVING Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ

Hymns:

One Day
Jesus Paid It All

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THE CIRCLE OF LIFE - VICIOUS or VICTORIOUS? ①

Romans 5:1-5

INTRO: A. What Do People See?:

1. **ILLUS.** -- When we want to find out how much gasoline there is in a car, we look at **the gauge** on the dashboard. And if we want to know whether a person is happy or angry or sad down inside, we look at **his face** & it usually tells us. I want to tell you about the **face of Adoniram Judson**, one of the first **missionaries** who went to **Burma** to tell the people there about Jesus. But the people of Burma weren't interested in Jesus & treated him cruelly. For a while they put him in a terrible jail where they **tortured him every night** & left him **in chains all day**. When, at last, he came home to visit America after terrible years away, a **small boy recognized him** as he watched Judson come off the ship from a picture he had seen in the newspaper.

The boy ran up the street to where his Pastor lived to tell him about it & the Pastor hurried back with him. Yes, the boy was right. **It was Adoniram Judson**. The minister was soon talking with the missionary & forgot all about the boy who had brought him the news, but the boy stood there silent & eager, unable to tear himself away from **that wonderful face**. Even after all that Mr. Judson had been through, there were **peace** and **love** and **joy** in his face and in his heart. He was trusting God more than ever before.

Many years afterward that boy, **Henry Clay Trumbull**, became a famous minister himself, and editor of The Sunday School Times magazine. He wrote a book in which was a chapter called, "**What A Boy Saw In The Face Of Adoniram Judson**."

Q → 2. **What do people see in your face?** Do they see the **joy** of the Lord, or is your face **grim** or **sad**, or **angry** because you don't realize all the **wonderful things** God has done for you?

3. Paul's letter to the Romans tells us about some of these things as we read in **Rom. 5:1-5**.

B. What Ought To Be Seen:

McGee - Justification is the act of God that declares a sinner righteous by faith on the merit of Christ's sacrifice. It is the **ADDITION** of the righteousness of Christ, as well as the **SUBTRACTION** of sins."

1-That we **KNOW OUR RESOURCES** - **5:1-2**

- Justification
- Peace
- Access
- Grace
- Boasting
- Glory

2-That we **KNOW OUR RESPONSES** - **5:3-5**

- Our **Life** ***Tribulations
- ***Patience
- ***Experience
- ***Hope
- ***Not Ashamed

- Our **Emblems** **The Love Of God
- **The Indwelling Spirit

PROP

Have seen Justification

Learn the **VICTORIOUS CIRCLE** which proceeds from our justification

I. KNOW YOUR RESOURCES -- PRESENT POSSESSIONS ASSURE OUR HOPE (5:1-2)

A. Accomplished Facts -- In Relation To The PAST:

1- "Therefore being justified by faith" - 5:1

— "Therefore" introduces a new section: Not the FRUIT of justification, but the SECURITY and PERMANENCE and SUFFICIENCY of justification in & thru Christ

— "Being justified" **Not present, but ADRIST tense = "having been declared righteous"

**A FACT that has happened

**Not just forgiveness, which is negative

**But also Justification, which is positive

**Not just dealing with sin

**But also dealing with position & relationship

* ** "What God does, He does FOREVER"
Newell (163)

"By Faith"

* Not by works (4:1-8)

* Not by ordinances (4:9-12)

* Not by law obedience (4:13-25)

* BUT BY FAITH

* and that faith reposed in the Lord Jesus C.

2. We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ"

— Present possession for believer

— Ours to live in the light of

— Lack of peace comes from UNBELIEF in the promises of God

— As in Heb. 3:7-19

— Peace ** Not mere "tranquility"

**But ceasation of warfare

**Not as between 2 sovereigns

**But as between a King & His rebellious subjects

**The price of peace is ALREADY PAID !

** "We have peace"

— Peace of conscience in the MERCY of God

Peace of heart in the LOVE of God

Peace of mind in the TRUTH of God

Peace of soul in the PRESENCE of God

* "Through our Lord Jesus Christ"

**Relates to relationship to the RISEN Christ who prays for us and with Whom we are identified

**Christ is the BRIDGE that safely carries man to God

B. Actual Freedoms--In Relation To The PRESENT:

1. "By Whom also we have access by faith" — 5:2

— Benefit upon benefit is ours in Christ

— "We have" -- Perfect tense

— "Access" = "the act of being brought in"

== "a safe harbor"

== French word "Entrée"

— Contrast the rigamarole involved with an

entrance into the presence of Queen Elizabeth 2

— No longer OUTSIDERS, but family members

— ILLUS. -- (SPURGEON) -- Religious people sometimes

start back from the prayers of a true saint, & say, "He is too familiar." Of course a child is too familiar for the imitation of a stranger; but have you ever blamed a child for climbing on

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his father's knee? Yet you would not think of copying him.

Boy, dost thou know what thou art up to? Thou art playing with a learned judge before whom prisoners tremble & courts are hushed. Even wise counselors speak to him as "My lord." That urchin does not say, "My lord." Look! He is plucking him by the beard; he is kissing his cheek. What presumption! No! He is the judge's child; he who is JUDGE to others is "FATHER" to him. So the saints of God have access into heaven; ever reverently but yet with sweet familiarity. They are "at home" with Him.

Always and only, our freedoms & blessings come "by faith in Christ"; nothing else will avail

Heb. 10:19-20--"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new & living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh..."

Heb. 4:15-16

2-"Into this grace wherein we stand"

Unmerited favor is ours at Christ's expense"

Continual supply of grace is available to fulfill our continual need

"We stand" = "we have been permanently placed"

*in the Resurrected Christ (Dispensationally)

*in spiritual liberty (Practically)

*In eternal security (Positionally)

ILLUS- Pen that won't stand & can't stand by itself, but is secure from falling when held by my hand

* So am I in God's hand--

Jude 24-25--"Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, & to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Savior, be glory & majesty, dominion & power, both now and ever. Amen"

C. Appointed Favours--In Relation To The FUTURE:

1-"And rejoice in hope"

--5:2,3,10 same word (rejoice, glory, joy)

--However you translate it, we're on shouting ground "Hallelujah hill" doesn't have to wait until we die to be our possession

--The spirit of the Christian life is VICTORY

--Our expectation, or hope, is sure because it rests upon God & His grace.

2-"of the glory of God" = Confident expectation

--We'll see God

--We'll share His presence

--We'll abide in His glory

--"Oh, that will be GLORY--for me; for HIM"

II. KNOW YOUR RESPONSES--AFFLICTIONS CANNOT DESTROY OUR HOPE (5:3-5):

A. Our Resources--Recapitulations:

1-Justified

2-Peace

3-Access

4-Grace

5-Glory

6-Hope

7-Sufficient for all our needs for time & eternity

8-"And not only so"

(4)

* ⑤ times by Paul (5:3, 11; 8:23; 9:10; 2 Cor. 8:19)

--Always to move on to a practical outcome when used

9-"But we glory"--not only in WHAT WE HAVE from God

--but also in WHAT WE ARE CALLED to endure

B.-Our Life (5:13-5a-READ):

1-TRIBULATIONS

Quest--"Tribulations is Θλιψις, a pressing, pressing together, pressure, oppression, affliction, distress, straits. It is...marking these things out as naturally to be expected in the Christians life. To exult here in the tribulations does not mean merely in their midst, but because of them. Denny says, does not simply mean 'when we are in tribulations'; but also 'because we are', the tribulations being the ground of glorying. This requires supernatural grace supplied by the Holy Spirit.

Paul did not exult because of the tribulations themselves, but because of their beneficial effects upon his life. This the saints must learn to do!" (P. 78)

* Beginning step in the VICTORIOUS CIRCLE

Not "the rat race" of life

--Rather leads us to the enjoyment of the love of God

--If tribulations can do that for us

**we ought to thank God for them

**we ought to shout, "Bring on the tribulations

Tribulations are essential if we are to learn DEPENDENCE

* "Tribulation is the raw material for hope"
Barnhouse

--Example in Christ Himself--Heb. 5:8--"Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered."

2-WORKETH PATIENCE--This is the accomplishment, or outcome of tribulation

--"Patience"=="steadfast endurance"

* "The ability to idle your motor when you feel like stripping your gears"

* "The ability to be at rest when all about you is a tempest"

--Jas. 1:3-4--"Knowing this that the trial of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."

* God NEVER GIVES PATIENCE as an outright gift. It comes via this process.

--ILLUS (Newell) A letter that lately came

out of Siberia, signed "MARY", reads:

"The best thing to report is, that I feel so happy here. It would be so easy to grow bitter if one lost the spiritual viewpoint

and began to look at circumstances. I am learning to thank God for literally everything that comes. I experienced so many things that looked terrible, but which finally brought me closer to Him. Each time circumstances became lighter, I was tempted to break fellowship with the Lord. How can I do otherwise than thank Him for additional hardships? They only help me to what I always longed for--a continuous, unbroken abiding in Him. Every so-called hard experience is just another step higher and closer to Him.

3 Another recent letter from "Mary" reads, "I am still in the same place of exile. There is a Godless Society here; one of the members became especially attached to me. She said, 'I cannot understand what sort of a person you are; so many here insult & abuse you, but you love them all'.... She caused me much suffering, but I prayed for her earnestly. Another time she asked me whether I could love her. Somehow I stretched out my hands toward her, we embraced each other, and began to cry. Now we pray together. My dear friends, please pray for her. Her name is Barbara."

In a letter a month later, "MARY" writes: "I wrote you concerning my sister in Christ, Barbara. She accepted Christ as her personal Savior & testified before all about it. We both, for the last time, went to the meeting of the Godless. I tried to reason with her not to go there, but nothing could prevail. She went to the front of the hall, & boldly testified before all concerning Christ. When she finished she started to sing in her wonderful voice a well known hymn-----

'I am not ashamed to testify
Of Christ, who died for me,
His commandments to follow,
And depend upon His cross!'

The very air seemed charged! She was taken hold of and led away."

Two months later, another letter came from "MARY". "Yesterday, for the first time, I saw our dear Barbara in prison. She looked very thin, pale, and with marks of beatings. The only bright thing about her were her eyes, bright & filled with heavenly peace & even joy. How happy are those who have it! It comes through suffering. Hence we must not be afraid of any sufferings or privations. I asked her, through the bars, 'Barbara, are you not sorry for what you have done?' 'NO', she responded firmly, 'If they would free me, I would go again and tell my comrades about the marvelous love of Christ. I am very glad that the Lord loves me so much and counts me worthy to suffer for Him.'"

3"AND PATIENCE (worketh) EXPERIENCE"

--"Experience"=="tried character", or "approvedness"

--God is using tribulations to produce endurance to the end that we might stand the tests of life tried and approved of God

--LEUS--Jack Wyrten tells of a happening connected with

the Word Of Life Camp at Schroon Lake, N. Y., a few years ago.

High winds and storm gales arose. All roads were closed. They

had to hike in to the boat landing because of downed trees. They had visions of trees down all over the island. When they rounded a bend in the lake on the boat, there stood every tree on the island; tall, erect, & in place. HOW? ? There on the island had been the place of the greatest force of the wind. How had they withstood? BECAUSE through the years they'd been buffeted again & again & had been

forced to send their roots deep into the rocks. A few limbs had broken, but there were no trees uprooted. (6)

So also with tribulations which again & again buffet the believer. These result in steadfastness in faith & patient endurance. God gives to such a sense of Divine approval.

DOES GOD APPROVE of your reactions to the tribulations of life which buffet you?

4- **"AND EXPERIENCE (worketh) HOPE"**

= *Confident expectation.*

22- Hope, then, is the result of the saint's experience of what God is." Pridham

***- "The practical trials of life are but an extended lesson of dependence upon the God of hope." Pridham (83)

5- **"AND HOPE MAKETH NOT ASHAMED"**

--Denny-- "...the hope which has not been extinguished, but confirmed under trial, does not put to shame" (624)

--"Hope doesn't disappoint" Thayer.

--GRIFFITH--THOMAS-- "The thought all through is the cer-

tainty that righteousness by faith must and will last to the end.

This is not the attitude of one who submits to the inevitable, but of one who rejoices to know what the process will mean. St. Paul was always confident that his hope in Christ would never be put to shame, & perhaps he had in mind the familiar Gk. version of Isa. 28:16, 'He that believeth shall not be put to shame.' (149)

--We will never be put to shame in Christ, for He has poured out God's love like a torrent

C. Our Enablement--(5:56-57):

1- **"BECAUSE THE LOVE OF GOD IS SHED ABROAD IN OUR HEART"**

--Not our love to Him

--But His love to us

--Spring of all hope is God Himself

--He provides the all-sufficient grace

--Shed abroad as a torrent

--Similar to Pentecost

--But PERSONAL for each of us

2- **"BY THE HOLY GHOST WHICH IS GIVEN TO US"**

--The Indwelling guest

--Permanently given to us---AORIST

--Jn. 14:16-17-- "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him; but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you and shall be in you."

--God has given to us HIS OWN HOLY SPIRIT.

--If we fail to have victory

***It is not God's fault ***

***It must, rather, be our own fault !!!

A. He Has Given Us**RESOURCES:**

- 1-Justification
- 2-Peace
- 3-Access
- 4-Grace
- 5-Rejoicing
- 6-Glory

B. He Has Shown Us**THE PROCESS OF ACTUALIZATION:**

- 1-Our Life - Tribulations
 - Patience == steadfast endurance
 - Experience -- approvedness; tried character
 - Hope
- 2-Our Enablement - Not self or flesh ^{man's}
 - But rather *** The Love of God
 - The Indwelling Spirit

C. Application:

There are three basic attitudes we should possess:

- (1) The secret of joyfulness is having the right relationship with God

Focus on God — Not Yourself!

- (2) The source of joyfulness is having the right attitude toward the circumstances of life

Develop Unselfish Attitudes

- (3) The substance of joyfulness is having an unquenchable optimism

Be a "Contagious Christian"

Experience the "Circle of life" that is VICTORIOUS!
NOT VICIOUS!!!

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"O, That Will Be Glory"
"He Is Able To Deliver Thee"
"Sound The Battle Cry"

THE CIRCLE OF LIFE -
VICTORIOUS

THE VIBRANT LOVE

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INTRO: A. God's Love—How Full Is It?

- 1-ILLUS--When Nansen the explorer tried to measure the depth of the ocean in the far North, he used a long measuring line, and when he discovered that he had not touched bottom, wrote in his record: "DEEP-ER THAN THAT". The next day he tried a longer line, only to have to write again: "DEEPER THAN THAT".

Though he tried a number of times, finally using all the lines he had aboard as he plumbed deeper and deeper, his last entry was the same as his first: "DEEPER THAN THAT". His expedition closed without actually knowing the depth of the ocean at that point, except that it was somewhat deeper than the thousands of feet of line he had played out.

- 2-ILLUS--When our children were small, I remember playing with them and asking: "HOW MUCH DO YOU LOVE ME?"

The answer I got from one daughter was:

"A HUG AND A KISS AND TWO HANDS FULL."

If we were to put the same question to God in heaven: "HOW MUCH DO YOU LOVE ME?", the answer of God to us would be:

"LOOK AT THE CROSS".!!

- 3-Indeed, the love of God for mankind is measurable only in terms of what God has done to express, to demonstrate that love to mankind.

- 4-Song "Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made;
Were ev'ry stalk on earth a quill,
And every man an scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky."

The Love of God

B.-Perspective On God's Love:

- 1-Mankind's viewpoint

* Not hard to "ACCEPT" the well-dressed, attractive, cultured, refined person

* Very hard to "TAKE TO HEART" a seedy, uncouth, dirty, lice-infested bum

- 2-Why? ---Because we are PARTIAL, PREJUDICED & UNLOVING

- 3-Man says: "Clean up & then I'll receive you"

- 4-God says: "Look up & I'll receive you, and THEN I'll clean you up too." **

- 5-Message: I.-Mankind's Spiritual Impotence
II.-God's Eternal Salvation

- 6-PROP:--To see MAN as he really is in God's sight
--To see GOD'S PROVISION for man's desperate condition

I. MANKIND'S SPIRITUAL IMPOTENCE:

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A. - Shown By Mankind's Description:

(5:6-8, 19)

1- "Without strength" == "Helpless"; "without ability to save ourselves"

Just unable to make any move to God that is effective to help ourselves

ILLUS

** Nephibosheth, son of Jonathan & grandson of Saul

** Lame in his feet because he fell when a child as his nurse fled for safety, & so unable to stand

** Became the object of David's kindness out of LOVE for Jonathan

** Adopted into David's family, though without strength

2- "Ungodly" = Anti-God in attitude and action

- Bankrupt of moral and spiritual inclination toward God

- Without any power to do good as seen by a Divine perspective

- **ILLUS** - Louis Talbot tells the story of once being in Chicago and passing a SALOON. The keeper was outside rolling a hoghead of beer along the street. As Talbot passed, the man with whom he was walking along the street stopped, turned around and went back to the saloonkeeper and said: "MY FRIEND, GOD LOVES YOU. DID YOU KNOW THAT?"

The saloonkeeper said: "God loves me?"

Do you know who I am? I am the saloonkeeper. Does God love saloonkeepers?

"YES"

said Dr. Talbot's companion.

GOD LOVES SALOONKEEPERS. HE HATES THEIR BUSINESS, BUT HE LOVES THEM"

3- "Sinners" = "Practicers of sin"; "Departing from the right"

- Vigorous & active in opposition to God

- No passiveness, but negative activity

- **ILLUS** ** Saul on the Damascus Road

** Acts 8:1-3

** Acts 9:1-3

} SAUL of TARSUS

4- "Enemies" = "Haters"; "Rebellers" in absolute warfare against God

- Active sense of hostility

- Luke 19:27 - "And those mine enemies which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, & slay them before Me"

- Unwilling to submit to the authority of Christ

- Rom. 8:7 - "Because the carnal (Fleshly) mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be."

- **ILLUS** - Absalom who slew his brother Amnon and fled in fear of David's just retribution for murder

- Absalom "holed up" for 3 years with the King of Geshur, from which people his own mother came.

- DAVID MOURNED for his ENEMY SON (2Sam.13:37)

Parable,
of Jesus

--DAVID LONGED to go forth to Absalom
(2 Sam. 13:39)

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--What a picture of God's love for the sinner!

5-PROGRESSION in these terms--"Without strength"--5:6

--"Ungodly"--5:6

--"Sinners"--5:8

--"Enemies"--5:10

6-Fridham--"There was nothing to excite His love. There was everything to dissuade it." (P. 86)

7-Reminds of Matt. 9:10-13 --Jesus w/ Sinners

8-ILLUS--A little girl made a strange misquotation of a verse, but she told the truth when she said: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save cinders." YES HE DID! He takes the cinders; the clinkers; the ashes; the burned-out, hopeless lives; and makes them glorious and new. !!!

B.-Shown By Mankind's Reluctance:

1-Rom. 5:7

2-"Scarcely"--"Hardly"; "rarely"

3-"For a righteous man will one die"

--For a JUST man

--Noble character may be grand, but it shames rather than inspiring self-sacrifice !!!!

--Respect, but not response

4-"Yet peradventure (perhaps) for a good man some would even dare to die. For a KIND man

--Warmth of human character

--Inspiring of one's affections

--Perhaps this would move some rare ones but to DIE for another would be rare

5-John 15:13--"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

6-ILLUS--When nations are engaged in deadly strife, it is common for patriots to declare that he who gives his life for defense of his country may be certain of a home in heaven because of having made the "SUPREME SACRIFICE"

This teaching is in accord with the principles of ISLAM but not with true CHRISTIANITY. Mohammed promised his fanatical followers a place in Paradise if they died for the faith in conflict with the "infidels" who rejected his teachings. Patriotism is a virtue of which any man may well be proud. In fact:

"Lives there a man with soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said,
This is my own, my native land?"

Such is the attitude of those who put up the plaque at TEXAS A & M College for the War Dead of W.W. I & II with the verse--John 15:13--under their names. (But) patriotism, praiseworthy as it is from a human standpoint, will never fit a soul for the presence of God. !!!!

PATRIOTISM CAN NEVER WASH AWAY THE GUILT OF SIN.

7-To rescue suffering goodness from an unmerited death is considered the noblest motive of self-sacrifice among men---BUT GOD DOES MORE !!!

8-ILLUS--In a town in the north of Scotland a benevolent Unitarian minister once took to preaching in the streets. He spoke of the beauty of goodness and invited sinners

to the happiness of a virtuous and orderly life.

A group of waiifs and harlots stood near. One of them, who had not lost her native wit, replied to him: "SAY, MAN, YOUR ROPE'S NOT LONG ENOUGH FOR THE LIKES OF US."

That man's gospel---without a Savior---was not capable of reaching down to the depths to which his hearers had fallen. They needed a SAVIOR, (not) just moral advice.

II. GOD'S ETERNAL SALVATION:

A. - Salvation's Initiator --- GOD:

1- "BUT GOD" --- Rgm. 5:8

This is the SOURCE, the INITIATOR of all our hope & help

--- No human would respond helpfully to mankind as pictured ** "without strength"

** "ungodly"

** "sinners"

** "enemies"

XX But God does choose man to salvation, even though He "sees man as he is"

2- Change in man's picture has to be traced to GOD!

--- Jonah 2:9 --- "Salvation is of the LORD"

--- 2 Cor. 5:19 --- "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself"

3- "COMMENDETH" = "Manifests", "demonstrates", "proves"

--- This is unasked, undesired, undeserved grace

4- WHEN ?? --- "in due time"

--- Gal. 4:4 --- "in the fulness of time"

--- God was on time according to His plan with Christ dying for our sins on Calvary

5- ILLUS --- Several years ago Governor Knous of Colorado

turned down a request of a 33 year old Missouri man to take his brother's place behind the bars of the state penitentiary. He made the offer on behalf of James Sherbondy, a life-terminer for murder. The Governor explained that there is no legal method by which this could be done.

How wonderful that in the DIVINE PLAN, God provided His own Son to die in our place as our Substitute.

B. - Salvation's Impulse --- LOVE:

1- Rom. 5:8

2- God's LOVE --- Different from human love

** EROS == Lust

** PHILEO == Brotherly & tender affection

AGAPE == Characteristic word of christianity

** "God is love" (1 Jn. 4:8)

** Exercise of self-sacrifice for the good of another with no design of a return of that love

** Uncaused by any love or merit in us

** 1 Jn. 4:9-10 --- "In this was manifest the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the

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into the world, that we might live thru Him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

-God's love is toward HIS SON & that same love is toward THE WORLD.

-John 3:16

-An entirely different kind of love than originates in man !!

3-Man must have a motive for love, (but) GOD IS LOVE !!

4-This may not be fathomable, but we can rejoice in it, even if we don't fully comprehend how a HOLY GOD can love an UNHOLY PEOPLE

5-Charles Hodge-- "If He loved us because we loved Him, He would love us only so long as we love Him, and on that condition; and then our salvation would depend upon the constancy of our treacherous hearts. But as God loved us: as sinners, as Christ died for us as ungodly, our salvation depends, as the apostle argues, not on our loveliness but on the constancy of the love of God." (ROMANS, P. 213)

6-ILLUS--There is a strange power in the consciousness of being loved. It is said that one of the most distinguished statesmen of the times of the American Revolution was once a hopeless drunkard. He had been engaged to a beautiful girl, but his dissipation had compelled her to break the engagement and sever herself from his influence, which was dragging her down. However, she had NOT CEASED TO LOVE HIM, OR TO PRAY FOR HIM.

One day she was passing along a road. She saw him lying intoxicated besides the sidewalk, his face exposed to the broiling sun, and swollen with drink and exposure. Her tender heart was moved, and as she passed by, she took her handkerchief and gently spread it over his stupid, sleeping face.

An hour or two later he awoke, and saw the handkerchief with HER NAME upon the corner of it. He sprang to his feet, and a glad thrill of hope and courage came to his heart. "SHE STILL LOVES ME," he said. "ALL IS NOT YET LOST. FOR HER SAKE I WILL CHANGE MY LIFE." And, he did.

Oh, how much MORE POWER there is in the love of God to save lost men from the despair & depths of sin, if only they will believe that HE LOVES THEM STILL!!!

C. Salvation's Price---DEATH:

1-"Christ died"--(5:6, 8)

2-Blood was shed unto DEATH

- Not blood of His circumcision
- Not the healings done during His ministry
- Not the miracles for others
- Not the teaching of exalted truth
- Not the example of His Person

-BUT, His life blood poured out unto death

-1 John 3:16-- "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His life for us..

3-This was-- "For the ungodly----- (5:6)

--"For us----- (5:8)

--The death of Christ for the sins of the world is an unexampled manifestation of LOVE

-ILLUS--A heart-touching story is told about a

poor little girl who had become the PROBLEM of the ORPHANAGE in which she lived. Not only was she unattractive, but also she had many annoying mannerisms and characteristics. As a result, she was shunned by the other children, and generally disliked by staff members.

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For a long time the Superintendent had looked & longed for an excuse to send her off to a REFORM SCHOOL. Then, one afternoon, the opportunity seemed to come. The child was suspected of writing notes to people on the outside of the orphanage, a practice which was prohibited. That regulation was strictly enforced.

Another little girl reported that she had seen the problem child write a note & pin it to the limb of a tree near the stone wall surrounding the orphanage. Hoping for sufficient evidence to rid the orphanage of the child, the Superintendent took her assistants to the spot, and, sure enough, they discovered the NOTE.

They had to hang their heads, however, when they read these few words written in a childish hand: "TO WHOEVER FINDS THIS, I LOVE YOU."

You know, Someone else wrote a note and put it on a tree outside the city wall. It was GOD'S OWN SON, the Lord Jesus Christ. Of Him, also, it was written, "He had no form, nor comeliness that we should desire Him...He was despised & rejected of men." He was taken to Calvary's hill & there crucified, nailed to a cross. God's note of grace, fastened there on that tree reads:

*** "TO WHOEVER FINDS THIS, I LOVE YOU."
Yes, God commended His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

- 4-Some are depending for their salvation upon OTHER THINGS
- Prayers
 - Ordinances
 - Organizations (whether Church or Lodge)
 - Family connections
 - Works of righteousness
 - "Doing our best"
 - Keeping the 10 Commandments or the Golden Rule
 - BUT NONE OF THESE will provide forgiveness of sins

* 5-God isn't asking for your worthiness or your works, but for you to SEE and to ACKNOWLEDGE your unworthiness. **

6. ILLUS -The testimony of EDITH CAVELL, the brave British nurse who was killed by the Germans in World War I is well worth considering in this connection.

This noble woman was born in England, trained as a Nurse, & went to Belgium at the outbreak of the conflict in 1914. From August of 1914 to August of 1915 Nurse Cavell helped care for wounded French, Belgian, English & German soldiers alike. She ministered faithfully even to those who had fallen while fighting her own nation. Naturally her sympathies were with the Allies, and in cooperation with others she aided many to escape from Germany. When some of those were traced to her house in Brussels, she was immediately arrested, & after a court-martial, was sentenced to face a FIRING SQUAD. All her kindness to the German wounded was FORGOTTEN. Her captors

considered her a SPY, and treated her accordingly.

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Just before the bandage was placed over her eyes, as she stood fearlessly facing the soldiers who were about to take her life, she gave a last message to the world: "I AM GLAD TO DIE FOR MY COUNTRY. BUT AS I STAND HERE I REALIZE AS NEVER BEFORE THAT PATRIOTISM IS NOT ENOUGH."

Then she went on to give a clear, definite testimony to her personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and her assurance of salvation--- NOT thru laying down her life for others, BUT because HE LAID DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HER. In perfect composure she submitted to the bandaging of her eyes, and, in a few minutes fell, pierced by many German bullets.

Her words--- PATRIOTISM IS NOT ENOUGH---have spoken loudly to many in the years that have gone since she died a martyr to her convictions. Yet, many still forget the truth she spoke.

"WHAT MORE IS NEEDED?", you may ask. The answer is CHRIST. It is through faith in Him alone that a soul is saved and heaven gained as an assurance.

7-Basis of God's GOOD NEWS is Christ

8-1 Cor. 15:3-4---"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that He was buried and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures: and that He was seen..."

9-Have YOU personally received Christ as Savior----

---"FOR YOU"

CONCLUSION:

SHARED THE GOSPEL ?

- without strength
- ungodly
- sinners

A. - Resume:

5-What have you done in the face of SUCH LOVE??

- 1-God's evaluation of mankind is clear---enemies
- 2-Man's reluctance to sacrifice for others, no matter how just or good they may be is obvious.
- 3-Salvation is initiated BY GOD
- 4-Salvation is based in the Character of God, WHO LOVES US
- 5-Cost the DEATH of Christ as our substitute

IMPORTANT!

B. - Realization:

- 1-Rom. 5:6-10 is as clear & precious a description of the love of God as is found in Scripture
- 2-Manifestation of that love is seen at the CROSS where Jesus died.
- 3-WHY ??---Because God loves us !!
- 4-ILLUSTRATION---Once a farmer wanted to teach his son a lesson of God's great goodness. He took him to the top of a hillland pointed NORTHWARD over Scotland, SOUTHWARD over England, EASTWARD over the ocean, and WESTWARD over hill and valley, & then circling the whole horizon, he said, "Johnny, my boy, GOD'S LOVE IS AS BIG AS ALL THAT."
"Why father," the boy replied with sparkling eyes, "THEN WE MUST BE RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF HIS LOVE."
And he was, and so are we.....

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12/13/70 #257--He Is Mine

#197--Jesus Is Calling

#249--And Can It Be

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INTRO: A. - Studies On Justification:1- **Outgrowth** of the **SINFULNESS** of man - **Rom. 3:23**2- **Justification** = "Declared righteous in God's sight"

McGEE - "Justification is the act of God that declares a sinner righteous by faith on the merit of Christ's sacrifice. It is the **ADDITION** of the righteousness of Christ as well as the **SUBTRACTION** of sins"

- By **GRACE** (Rom. 3:24)
- By **BLOOD** (Rom. 3:25)
- By **FAITH** in Christ as Savior (3:28)

3- **Results** of Justification (Rom. 5:1-5)

a - "We have peace" - 5:1

b - "We have access" - 5:2

c - "We rejoice in hope" - 5:2 - For the **FUTURE** **YES!!**There is **purpose** in our problems

** To draw us closer to the Lord

** To refine out the dross & wear off the rough edges of our personality

4- **For what kind of people** is this available ??

- "Without strength" - 5:6

- "Ungodly" - 5:6

- "Sinners" - 5:8

- "Enemies" - 5:10

Rom. 5:6-85- **PROOF** that **God loves us** with a supernatural love is demonstrated in the fact that "**CHRIST DIED FOR US**"6- **Who else** would sacrifice that much **for you?****B. Now - Capstone To This Doctrinal Section:**1- **Rom. 5:9-11** (READ)2- **Outline** --- I. - The Saving **DEATH** Of ChristII. - The Saving **LIFE** Of Christ3- **Prop:** - To **know** our **privileges** & **possess** fully God's **provision** through Christ's death and life for our daily experience**I. - THE SAVING DEATH OF CHRIST (Rom. 5:9-10b):**

HIS FINISHED WORK

A. A 'MUCH MORE' Salvation:

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1- This term; "**Much More**" - 5:9, 10, 15, 17, 20- Used to indicate a **SUPERLATIVE**2- What Christ's salvation has done is **to transform us**e - **Before** we were without strength, ungodly, sinners, & enemieso - **NOW** we are Justifiedo - And "**much more**" to follow

3- Paul's warm-hearted appreciation is thus expressed for what Christ has done for him, for the Romans & for us

B. A 'FULL-SERVICE' Salvation:1- **ILLUS** - That term "**FULL-SERVICE**" salvation comes from a commercial I saw on TV this week. It was a "**plug**" for a bank that could offer a **full service** of a wide range of activities to aid the customer & for one not to be satisfied with a bank that does less than provide "**FULL-SERVICE**".2- **Just so**, the salvation that Christ has **GIVEN TO US** (at no cost, charge or rate) is a "**full-service**" sal-

checking
Saving
Safe Deposit
Travelers Checks
Car Loans
Mortgages
Remodeling Loan
Certified Checks
Letter of Credit

vation, and it is not skimpy, but superlative in every respect

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- 3-**THE PRICE** -- "By His blood" -- (5:9) unlike
- This is the ground of the believer's acceptance with God
 - Lev. 17:11 -- "For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul"
 - With God the acceptance is
 - ** Not "by truth"
 - ** Not "by moral influence"
 - ** Not "by example"
 - ** BUT by His life-blood poured out a ransom for sin
 - BLOOD is the currency of redemption acceptable in heaven
 - His blood avails FOR ME: Hallelujah !!

- 4-**THE PERSON** -- Different terms used (5:9-11)
- * "By His blood" -- 5:9
 - * "Through Him" -- 5:9
 - * "His Son" -- 5:10
 - * "Lord Jesus Christ" -- 5:11
 - All of these present JESUS as The Person of our salvation
 - * Demands that we cast off any spirit of self-righteousness & self-dependence
 - * ABANDON self-accomplishment & trust fully in Christ alone. Not in ourselves

- 5-**THE PROVISIONS**
- Justified as our present standing (5:9)
 - ** Declared righteous before God
 - ** Invested with the righteousness of Christ as "OURS"
 - Reconciled ** Accomplished by Christ's death (5:10, 11)
 - ** 2 Cor. 5:18-19 -- "And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; to wit, that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself by Jesus Christ, & hath given to us the ministry of recon-

"= to change thoroughly from enmity to love + trust"

* **ILLUS** -- William R. Newell gives this illustration (Pp. 171-2):

Suppose I am the master of a school & I make a rule that there is to be no profane swearing. I write that rule on the blackboard, & the whole school sees & hears it. The penalty I announce too: there is to be a whipping if any one breaks the rule.

Now, there is a boy named John Jones in my school, a boy I am fond of. At recess-time he swears. Everybody hears him; I hear him; everybody knows I hear him. When I call the school to order, all the scholars are looking at me to see what I will do.

I have a son of my own in that school room, a beloved son, CHARLES. I call him, & we go outside to counsel, while the school waits. I say,

"Son, will you bear John Jones' whipping for him? He doesn't believe that I love him. He thinks I hate him because he has broken my rule. There must be a whipping. I must be true to my word, but you know how I love John."

My son says, "YES, FATHER, I'LL DO ANYTHING FOR YOU THAT YOU WISH. AND I LOVE JOHN JONES, TOO."

I bring my boy, Charles, out before the whole school, & I say

"This is John Jones' whipping I am giving to my son Charles. The law of the school was broken by John Jones. I am putting the penalty on my boy. He says he will gladly do this for me, & for John."

Then I whip my son Charles; & I do not spare him. I whip him just the same as if he were John Jones, just as if he had broken the rule himself.

When the whipping is over, I say to some scholar, "Go and tell John Jones I have nothing against him -- NOTHING AT ALL.

And ask him to come & give me his hand." This breaks John Jones up, & he comes forward in tears, & says, "I DIDN'T KNOW YOU LOVED ME THAT MUCH!" I thank you from my heart."

6-Indeed, we do have a "FULL-SERVICE" salvation

C. A "Completed Transaction" Salvation:

1-Some see salvation as a process by works, but Scripture presents salvation as an act of God - COMPLETED! DONE

2 Therefore, "we shall be saved from wrath through Him"

- Anger of God's wrath against sin

- That anger has been FULLY SPENT & satisfied at the cross

- Personal deliverance from wrath

* 1 Th. 1:10 - "And to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come."

* 1 Th. 5:9 - "For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ."

* Day of Judgment is averted for us

- Great Tribulation is also something from which we will be spared (Rev. 6:16-17)

** God has already done the HARDER thing in saving us sinners; so now He'll do the EASIER thing in keeping us saints for heaven.

- According to Rom. 8:30, the one who is already JUSTIFIED is as sure of being GLORIFIED as if it had already occurred

3-This "completed transaction" salvation

- Cost Christ's death to accomplish it

- Christ laid down His life for our forgiveness

* Isa. 53:7-8, 12

* John 10:14-18

* 4-Sin has already been fully dealt with, so there will be no more penalty exacted of Christ or of us PTL!

5-John 5:24 - "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth My word, & believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting-

ing life, & shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

6-So we can say that all God HAS DONE for us is on the basis of the SAVING DEATH of Christ, but that's not all there is to be said. There is also.....

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HIS UNFINISHED WORK

II. -THE SAVING LIFE OF CHRIST (Rom. 5:10c-11):

SAVING DEATH

A. -A 'MUCH MORE' New Life: (5:10)

- 1-Saw this term "much more" in 5:9 in connection with salvation thru Christ's death
- 2-Now we see it linked in 5:10 with the SAVING LIFE of Christ
- 3-This is not a contradiction as though salvation were available--On the one hand thru Christ's sacrifice
 - And on the other hand thru Christ's example or teaching
 - Leaving it up to you to make a choice of the basis of your salvation
- * NO!!
- Rather, that there is MORE than salvation from sin that God wants for us
- In fact....MUCH MORE that is ours because now Christ lives in us

B. A New Life Based On A Living, Resurrected Savior:

1-Christ is ALIVE from the grave

- *** --Rom. 4:25--"Who was delivered for our offences, & was raised again for our justification"
- 1 Cor. 15:19-20--"If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead, & become the first fruits of them that slept."

** This resurrection proves the reality of Christ's claims

2-CHRIST is alive FOREVERMORE

Heb. 7:15-17, 25

Heb. 9:26, 24

--Our Savior continues eternally!!!

--Our Lord is ministering in heaven now in our behalf without any time of rest or ceasing

3-We are united to Him

UNION

--Rom. 5:10b--"we shall be saved by (lit.==in union with) His life:"

--His risen life is OUR LIFE ALSO

* John 14:19-20

--Our blessings are all because of our being united to Christ

4-Because He lives--Pledge of our eternal life & new life

--Guarantee of our security

--Gal. 2:20--"I am (have been) crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: & the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, Who loved me, & gave Himself for me."

--His life grants us the JOY of a resurrection life too

Col. 3:1-4

--So, I am able to live out the fact that I am UNITED to a living Savior

HOW??

--Because HE LIVES OUT THRU ME !!

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C. - PRESENT EXPERIENCING OF The New Life Of Christ:

1-Salvation is a NOW life, not just later in heaven

--Saved forever

--Kept forever

* → W.H. Griffith-Thomas--"If God can save His enemies, MUCH MORE can He Keep His friends." (Romans, P. 150)

2-JOY forever--Ties in with Rom. 5:2

--We EXULT in God

--This is what grace can do...and does!!

--"Rejoice" in Phs. 4:4 (12 times in 4 chs.)

--Ps. 16:11--"Thou wilt shew me the path of life; in thy presence is fulfulness of joy: at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."

--"True religion is JOYFUL!" (Hodge, P. 221)

--Ps. 40:3a--"And He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God:"

→ The christian's chief joy is the Lord Him-self

* 3-This resurrection life in Christ is AVAILABLE NOW for us to live

4-ILLUS--House that you can have 10 months from now after a newly projected tract is built.--JOY, but delay robs us of exuberance

--House that you buy with a sign saying:

* "IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY", brings the JOY of possession NOW!!

* 5-All this is based on our reconciliation thru Christ's death on the cross

6-Because He died & rose again, we enjoy also the saving LIFE OF CHRIST in our lives daily

NOW - DAILY

CONCLUSION:

A.-The Dual Blessing:

WHOLE GOSPEL

1-Saving Death-----Christ died for my sins

2-Saving Life-----Christ lives in me for my present usefulness & joy

3-"All we have or hope for, we owe to Jesus Christ,-- peace, communion with God, joy, hope, eternal life,.." (Hodge, Romans, P. 220)

4-Is it any wonder Paul speaks of

↑ In salvation

↑ In new life

MUCH MORE!!!

5-Reminds me of a text Bill Graves used once here at Westbrae: Ps. 28:9--"Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up forever

Divine

B.-The ~~Divine~~ Blessing:

1-ILLUS--Dr. Joseph Parker on one occasion referred

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to the UNITARIAN conception of Jesus Christ as a great example only, & then went on to say:

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2- "We have been to hear Paderewski play. It was wonderful, superb, magnificent. Then we went home & looked at the piano. We would have sold it to the first man who would have been fool enough to buy it. This is the effect of your great examples upon us. I want not only a great example, but a GREAT SAVIOR, one who can deliver me from my sins."

3- * To follow a good example in the future will not blot out the black record of the past; we need the blood of Christ atoning sacrifice to accomplish that. To hear a Paderewski play will not make us like a Paderewski. Could a Paderewski incarnate himself within one, he could play like himself.

4 So the Christian life is not Christ and I, but CHRIST IN ME. We need the Christ within to live the Christ without.

* 5- Remember: Live the Christian life by Christ on the inside living out HIS OWN LIVE thru us. Must receive Christ and His "gift of eternal life" before we can live that life out."

6- Therefore, each one NEEDS TO BE SAVED to have & live this new life

Have you been saved?

HYMNS: "I Owe Everything to Jesus"
"Living for Jesus"
"My Hope Is In The Lord"

- 12/27/70 - Westbree
10/22/77 - Messiah Christian Chapel, IN.
11/25/78 - Portersville Bible Church, PA.
1/13/85 - Old Kanawha Bapt. Ch, Pratt, WV
9/20/93 - Middletown Bible Ch., N.E. Bible Conf.
3/3/96 - Hamilton Bible Ch, N.Z.
3/21/96 - Liberty Gardens Baptist Ch, Salem, OR
7/7/96 - Tri-Cities Bapt. Ch, Parkersburg, WV.
9/8/96 - Grace Gospel Ch. Beaver, WV
4/17/04 - Salina Bible Ch., PA
5/23/07 - Bible Center Ch,
8/5/07 - Hilltop Bapt. Ch

or

"WHAT'S THE EFFECT OF ADAM'S SIN?"

INTRO: A. Quotation From PAUL TOURNIER - "A Doctor's Casebook":

The **fear of death** plays a much larger part than we imagine in many of our patients, even in those who seem to be the strongest. **How valuable** it is for them to be able to **speak to us** about it! **How valuable** also for us to be able to **speak to them** about it! It happens only too seldom.

There is **an old man**, distressed & embittered, whom I have been seeing for several weeks without being able to feel that my visits have done him any good. He always brings out the **same bitter complaints** about his **loneliness** and his **failing faculties**. And he himself adds tragically: "I have always **found fault** with people; I have always wanted affection but **I repel everyone with my surliness**." On one occasion after a long silence, he suddenly began to talk to me about his **FEAR OF DEATH**. "I've been **obsessed** with it all my life," he said. "When I was just a child I used to hang about the cemetery; overcome with emotion, I used to hide when I saw a hearse pass by and yet it fascinated me. **Now that I am old the fear is worse than ever**."

As he spoke a small voice deep inside of me was saying: "**You must pray with him today**." But I hesitated. How would he take my suggestion? Had he not just been regaling me with all **his criticisms** of the **Church**, of the **Pastors** who had done him harm, and with all sorts of **intellectual objections** to faith? And then we always find it difficult to suggest to someone, quite simply, that he should say his prayers.

I made the suggestion, and he replied: "I WANTED IT SO BADLY BUT DIDN'T DARE TO ASK YOU. As I have told you, I am **an unbeliever** but I am in torment. After your last visit I tried to open the **Bible** but what I read repelled me. Then on Sunday I wanted to listen to a **sermon** on the radio, but what the preacher said disgusted me and I switched it off. **Yes, THANK YOU will you pray with me?**"

I write these lines with diffidence. On the **subject of death**, we should **prefer to be silent**. We have not yet answered **THE MEANING OF DEATH**. Perhaps with death more than with anything else we feel that **faith consists in respecting God's mysteries** rather than in trying to explain them. And yet we may seek to **let ourselves be taught by God** in reading the Bible; for what we think about death is of great importance to our patients even if we do not speak to them at all about it.

B. Professor Jaques Courvoisier's View Of Death:

- 1-"In Christian doctrine death...does **not** figure as **the END of a normal process**, but as **the result of a state of things DISORDERED from the beginning**."
- 2-**The order** established by the Creator was **indispensable to LIFE; man's violation of it, therefore, necessarily leads to his DEATH**.
- 3-But God in His mercy **delays this outcome**. He comes to man's aid. He heals his wounds. He protects him in spite of himself against the dangers into

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which he has run. In short, He grants him a respite & in this respite our life is situated.

- 4-DURING THIS "respite of debt" a man may find Jesus Christ and receive thru faith the promise of forgiveness, of victory over death & of resurrection.

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C. Explanation Of Death In The Bible:

1-Rom. 5:12-----This message---A DECLARATION

of the Meaning of Death

2-Rom. 5:13-21---Next Message---AN UNFOLDING

of that meaning

3-Outline---I.-The RECORD

II.-The RESULTS

III.-The REALIZATION

4-Prop--To learn the meaning of death, and so "come to terms" with it in our lives

BIBLE

To answer questions for others

I. - THE RECORD --- (Rom. 5:12a,b):

A. - The Precedence: ("WHEREFORE"):

1-"Wherefore" - Connective term

- Meaning == "On this account"

2- **Reaches** BACKWARD ** To SIN section (3:19-23)

5:12-21

** To JUSTIFICATION section (3:24-5:11)

FORWARD ** To SANCTIFICATION section (6:1-8:39)

** To PRACTICAL section (12:1-15:33)

3-W. H. Griffith-Thomas--"Thus, these verses give us the logical centre of the Epistle. They are the great central point to which everything that precedes has converged, & out of which everything that follows will flow." (Rom., I, P. 202)

B. - The Person: ("AS BY ONE MAN SIN ENTERED"):

1-The "ONE MAN" who was the avenue or the door of access of infection thru his sin

- **Not named** in Rom. 5:12

- But named in 5:14--

- Historical record given in Genesis 3

ADAM = "MAN" "Human Being"

2-Remember **Eve "fell" first** for Satan's line & was deceived

Adam followed Eve in the sin & did so with his eyes wide open in wilful disobedience

- 1 Tim. 2:14--"And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression."

3-Notice clearly who it is that GOD HOLDS RESPONSIBLE--ADAM: the man as head of the home & head of the wife

- **Gen. 2:15-17**--"And the LORD God took the man, & put him into the garden of Eden to dress it & to keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: BUT of the tree of the knowledge of good & evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."

- **Gen. 3:6**--"And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, & that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, & did eat, & gave also unto her husband: & he did eat."

4 Adam made a MORAL choice against God's law

5-THEREFORE, man is held accountable !!

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C.-The Problem: ("SIN ENTERED INTO THE WORLD"):

- 1-Indication of prior existence of sin before man's fall
- 2-WHERE ??--In heaven due to Satan's defection & the angels who followed his desire to be INDEPENDENT of God (Isa. 14)
- 3-Foreign transplant of celestial disobedience into the soil of earth & human nature
- 4-This is a "simple story"---The record of ORIGINAL SIN so far as humanity is concerned
- * 5-No other adequate explanation--For the FACT of sin
BIBLICAL
--Or, for...

II.-THE RESULTS---(Rom. 5:12c,d):

A.-The Penalty Of Sin: ("AND DEATH BY SIN"):

- 1-Chafer--"The penalty threatened to fall upon Adam was death, and death in all of its forms---SPIRITUAL, PHYSICAL AND ETERNAL. On the day they disobeyed God, the first parents died spiritually; they began to die physically by having become mortal; and they were at once subject to eternal death unless redeemed from it." (II, 213)
- 2-Let's define DEATH:
 - ==Drummond--"Death is to be out of correspondence with one's environment."
 - ==N. M. Van Cleave--"Death does not mean cessation of existence; it means SEPARATION from God."
- 3-Let's apply these definitions:
 - PHYSICAL DEATH == Separation of the soul & spirit (immaterial man) from the body (material man)
 - SPIRITUAL DEATH==Separation of the soul & spirit from God
 - ETERNAL DEATH or SECOND DEATH== Separation of the soul and spirit from God PERMANENTLY; the antithesis of the second birth
- 4-CLOSE RELATIONSHIP between physical and spiritual death, as they both begin with the one initial sin of the first man & as they both converge on each individual in the human race
- 5-Physical death is in view in Rom. 5:12, but the others (spiritual & eternal) are outgrowths of physical death
- 6-POINT--"Physical death is not an inheritance, much less an infection which parents pass on to their children. It is a PENALTY for ... joint action with Adam in his disobedience." (Chafer, II, 298)

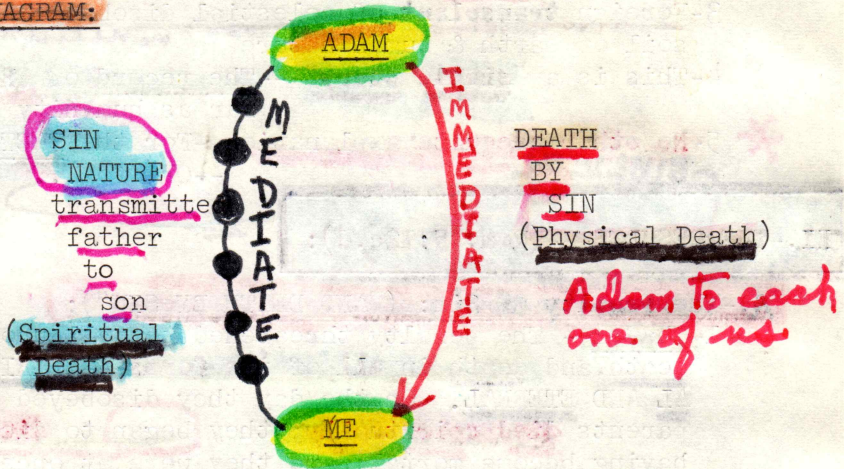
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B.-The Pervasiveness Of Sin: ("AND SO DEATH PASSED UPON ALL MEN"):

- 1-This is a universal outgrowth of sin
- * 2-Penalty of death reaches EVERYONE
- 3-Heb. 9:27--"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:"
- 4-ILLUS--Gen. 5:1-32--"...and he died" 7 times
- 5-This--PHYSICAL DEATH--has been the lot of all of Adam's posterity, & will be yours unless God intervenes with

C. The Personalization Of Sin:

- 1-Adam's first sin ruined him
- 2-AND, Adam's first sin ruined me also at the same time
- 3-The effects of Adam's sin do not grow less with the passage of time
- 4-DIAGRAM:



- Sin Nature is passed from Adam on to his succeeding generations from Father to son
- Sin nature is the cause of spiritual death
- That's why Messiah-Jesus had to be VIRGIN-BORN, in order to avoid the penalty of spiritual death passed on from father to son
- * This sin nature is received MEDIATELY, thru the fathers
- * Physical death is imposed on each member of the race IMMEDIATELY

- ** That is, directly from Adam to each individual without reference to intervening generations
- ** Physical death comes as though but two persons existed; ADAM & ME
- ** Each human has a DIRECT, HOT LINE to Adam and thru it receives the personalization of his sin that passes on physical death to each of us

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III. THE REALIZATION (Rom. 5:12e):

A. The Declaration: ("FOR THAT ALL HAVE SINNED"):

- 1-"Have sinned" -- Aorist tense
 - Indicating a joint participation at a point of time in a single historical act
 - Lit. == "ALL SINNED"
- 2-Does not say Adam sinned, but that ALL sinned
- 3-NOT capable of being interpreted as "each one has sinned" in his own generation
- 4-"...the use of the aorist here gives emphasis to the fact, that in the one transgression of Adam all his posterity are concerned." (PRIDHAM, Romans, P.92)
- 5-Chafer--"The construction is so demanding that exegetes

are largely of one mind." (II, 302)

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- 6-SUMMARY--Philip Schaff--"A single historical act is meant, namely, the past event of Adam's fall, which was at the same time virtually the fall of the human race as represented by him & germinally contained in him." (Romans, International Revision Commentary, VI, Pp. 81-82)

- 7-Thus-----"All sinned in Adam"

B. The Difficulty: (FEDERAL HEADSHIP):

- 1-Adam is seen by God as the HEAD of the whole race
- 2-Adam's action is seen as the wilful action of both Adam and also of each and all of his descendants
- 3-This is called "FEDERAL HEADSHIP", meaning that Adam is regarded as containing the race in himself in a manner which is not true of any succeeding progenitor in his line
- 4-THIS IS DIFFICULT to understand !!
- 5-There is an almost universal inability to discern the truth of this concept
- 6-That inability • Leaves large chunks of Scripture as incapable of explanation
• Leaves many christians open to doctrinal error and spiritual instability
- 7-Contrast-ADAM is HEAD over all the human creation
-CHRIST is HEAD over all the new creation, the Church

Biblical

- 8-ILLUS-Abraham as HEAD of the nation of Israel
-Abraham giving tithes to Melchizedek (Heb. 7:4-10) was HEAD to Levi, who was still unborn & in this way showed the superiority of Melchizedek to Levi in that the lesser gave tithes to the greater
-None would claim that Levi consciously or purposely paid tithes to Melchizedek, yet God declares that Levi did pay tithes. Such is the Divine estimation
-Likewise, none will claim that each individual in Adam's race consciously or purposely sinned in Adam; yet there can be no doubt that God reckons that each member of the race sinned in Adam's transgression.

9-OTHER ILLUS. OF HEADSHIP:

- Family of 4 in Europe many years ago during a famine that brought timber wolves out of the forests to attack. Visiting friends, & it got late--too late--and all thru the father's procrastination.

Finally headed toward home. Half-way the wolves attacked. Father tried to get the horse to go faster. Finding this "not enough" the father jumped off the wagon with an axe & attacks the wolves....for a little while, and then succumbs.

Mother takes the reins & urges the horse on. However, she runs the wagon into a snow bank & then jumps off with the 2 children---and RUNS FOR IT. Both she and the children are killed by the wolves. WHY ?? Because of the father's decision to delay returning home

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, Sr., made a big fortune in the oil industry, founding Standard Oil. His son, John D. Rockefeller, II and grandsons Nelson, Winthrop, John D. III and William never lacked for anything. Why was this???

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Because of the decisions of the HEAD of the family, they have always been wealthy men.

Ex. 20:5--"Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them (idols), nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me;"

10-How do we resolve this "HEADSHIP" line of thinking which seems FINE to us if it benefits us, and seems UNREASONABLE to us if it costs us? The only answer is...

C.-The Determination:

1-What is our source of authority in such an issue?

●-our human opinions ??

●-or...

●-DIVINE REVELATION ??

2-Objection is raised that it is "NOT FAIR" for my eternal lot to be settled by Adam

3-Remember Paul speaks here of DEATH, not DESTINY. We still have the opportunity to choose the "Last Adam", Christ, and escape the penalty of sin.

4-Either we submit to a "THUS SAITH THE LORD" answer on this matter-----or-----we have no other adequate answer in explanation for sin, death or salvation.

CONCLUSION:

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A biblical example of the truth of how ONE can impact the MANY is ACHAN - Joshua 7

A.-Recapitulation:

1-THE RECORD--"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world..."

2-THE RESULTS--"...and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men..."

3-THE REALIZATION--"...for that all have sinned (in Adam)"

4-So the meaning of death is:

-Adam plunged the race into sin

-Sin's penalty is death (spiritual, physical & eternal)

-When Adam sinned, SO DID I

-I am as guilty as Adam, because he is my FEDERAL HEAD as a part of the human creation

B.-Release From Living Under The Sentence Of Death:

1-Now and again it becomes the DUTY OF A DOCTOR to inform his patient that he has a year or 2 at most to live.

The patient then lives under the sentence of death.

2-Although the death penalty for crime has been repealed in many states, and few states are actually executing criminals today, many have had a DEATH SENTENCE pronounced upon them, and so they live under the sentence of death.

3-AND, although we would rather not think of it, ALL OF US---every member of Adam's race---live under the sentence of death too.

4-We read in Scripture:

--Rom. 5:12--"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."

--Rom. 6:23--"The wages of sin is death..."

--Heb. 9:27--"It is appointed unto men once to die"

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5-THE INEVITABILITY OF DEATH is one of the great common denominators which levels all distinctions of race, achievement or failure, wealth or poverty---ALL DIE !!

6-And unfortunately, this death sentence cannot be repealed. Neither pope, president, king, governor nor the voice of the people can change the LAW that "The wages of sin is DEATH."

7-But God---who is rich in mercy---has provided a way of escape from the judgment which follows death.

● TRAGICALLY true that all men will die

● WONDERFULLY true that "the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord"

8-GOD GIVES ETERNAL LIFE thru Jesus Christ because He died for our sins, discharging for us the dread penalty of death which our sins deserve.

9-GOD PARDONS our sins & gives eternal life on the ground of our trusting Jesus Christ as our own personal Savior.

--- HAVE YOU DONE THAT ?? ---

--- Have you believed that Jesus is the Son of God who loved you and gave Himself a sacrifice for the forgiveness of your sins? ---

10-IF NOT.....then I urge you to do so right now in the light of what you have today learned about

"THE MEANING OF DEATH"

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Introduction &
I. - The Declaration

Westbrae--1/3/70--#250--"A New Name In Glory"

#112--"Once For All"

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"THE GREAT DOCTRINE OF THE TWO MEN"

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INTRO: A--Preparation!

1-ILLUS:-In Tucson, Arizona 3 U. of Arizona scientists recently declared that they believed they found a clue to the origin of an epidemic that ravaged ancient Indian settlements & sent disease raging across the earth.

A SYPHILIS EPIDEMIC started in Europe in 1495, infecting 1 out of every 3 persons; killing 1 in 10. The plague ravaged the Continent for 7 years. Traders carried the hitherto unknown disease to China in 1505. Portuguese sailors took it to Japan in 1569. People in both countries died by the tens of thousands. Entire populations on some South Pacific islands were wiped out.

Origin of the dread killer long remained an enigma. Using a simple test, the 3 scientists checked dozens of cremated skeletons from POINT OF PINES, an ancient Arizona pueblo that was abandoned in haste by its 3,000 residents between 1400 and 1450 A.D. Of 153 tested, 43 skeletons contained positive indications of a virulent type of SYPHILIS. Anthropologists have long wondered why the ancient settlement was abandoned within a comparatively short time. The reason, among other possibilities, may have been a syphilis epidemic that killed more than 20% of the people. Tests on skeletons of Europeans indicate that the disease was unknown on the Continent until shortly after the voyages of Columbus.

The Arizona scientists believe that America's first gift to the old world may have been the dreaded spirochete of syphilis. Columbus & his men, returning to ~~Spain~~ Spain with news of their discovery, may have been the first bearers of the disease.

BUT THERE IS NO CONJECTURE as to how the plague of sin entered our world. "Wherefore, as by one man entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." (Rom. 5:12)

By Adam the terrible death-dealing spirochete of sin entered the world. But--THANK GOD!--we know that "as by the offence of one, judgment came upon all men to condemnation, even so by the righteousness of one, the free gift came upon all men to justification of life." (Rom. 5:18)

2-Read in unison Rom. 5:12-21

B--Connection!

1-BACKWARD connection--To SIN section 3:19-23
--To JUSTIFICATION section 3:24-5:11

2-FORWARD connection

--To SANCTIFICATION section (6:1--8:39)
--To PRACTICAL section (12:1--15:33)

3-Bridge 5:12-21 APPLICATION

--Consummation of argument before this
--Preparation for argument which follows

4-MOST DIFFICULT portion in Romans for me

5-Stearns:--"If you wish to know whether a man is

a theologian, turn to his Greek testament, and if it opens of its own accord to the fifth chapter of Romans, and you find the page worn and brown, you may safely set him down as a devotee of the sacred science." (Present Day Theology, P. 321)

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C. Projection: (This Message)

- 1-Outline: I.-The DECLARATION (5:12)--Last message reviewed
II.-The EXPLANATION (5:13-21)
III.-The APPLICATION
IV.-The PERSONALIZATION
- 2-PROP.--To see our personal position either "IN ADAM" or "IN CHRIST"
--To understand God's dealings with mankind
--To appreciate God's SUPERABOUNDING GRACE !!

I. -THE DECLARATION-- (5:12) --(THE MEANING OF DEATH):

REVIEW
of previous
MESSAGE

A. -The Record (5:12 a, b):

- 1-The Precedance--"Wherefore"
- 2-The Person-----"As by one man sin entered"
- 3-The Problem-----"Sin entered into the world"

B. -The Results (5:12 c, d):

- 1-The Penalty Of Sin--"And death by sin"
- 2-The Pervasiveness of Sin--"And so death passed upon all men"
- 3-The Personalization Of Sin--**DIAGRAM**

C. -The Realization (5:12 e):

- 1-The Declaration--"For that all have sinned"
- 2-The Difficulty--**FEDERAL HEADSHIP** (Heb. 7:4-10)
- 3-The Determination--**Scriptural authority is TRUTH REVEALED**
--OR Human opinion

II. -THE EXPLANATION (5:13-21)--(Series Of Contrasts; FEDERAL HEADSHIP):

→ A. -Two Men:

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| 1-One man-- ADAM | 1-One man-- CHRIST |
| 2-Rom. 5:12, 14 | 2-Rom. 5:14, 17, 18 |
| 3-"Figure" or "Type" of the One who was to come | 3-Anti-type of Adam
-- LAST Adam
--Not to be called "SECOND" Adam, as that might seem to imply a 3rd or a 4th also |
| 4-Thru this ONE MAN came sin & therefore death to all | 4-Thru this ONE MAN came righteousness & life to all who believe |

→ B. -Two Acts:

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| 1-Adam's one trespass | 1-Christ's one righteous act accomplished on the cross as a sacrifice for sin |
| 2-Rom. 5:12, 15, 17, 18, 19 | 2-Rom. 5:18 |

C. - Two Results:

- 1-By Adam.
- 2-Condemnation
- 3-Rom. 5:16, 18

- 1-By Christ
- 2-JUSTIFICATION
- 3-Rom. 5:16, 18

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was one of New York City's most famous Mayors, was previously a JUDGE IN POLICE COURT. One day they brought a trembling old man before him, charged with stealing a loaf of bread. The old man said that he had to do it because his family was starving.

"Well, I have to punish you," said Mr. La Guardia. "The law makes no exception, and I can do nothing but sentence you to a FINE OF \$10.00"

Then he added, after reaching into his pocket, "AND HERE'S THE TEN DOLLARS TO PAY FOR YOUR FINE."

"Furthermore," as he threw another dollar into his hat, I am going to fine everyone in this courtroom fifty cents for living in a town where a man has to steal bread in order for his family to eat."

So he passed the hat around, and the old man left the courtroom with \$47.50 in his pocket.

ISN'T THAT A TINY PICTURE of what Christ has done for us? Paul tells us how Jesus Christ paid the terrible death penalty for our sins, dying in our place; and then besides all that, He has given us eternal justification in God's sight.

D. - Two Extents:

- 1-"All men"---5:12, 18
- 2-"Many"-----5:15, 19
- 3-"MADE SINNERS"

- 1-"All men"-----5:18
- 2-"Many"-----5:15, 19
- 3-"MADE RIGHTEOUS"

E. - Two Differences:

- 1-Judgment due us
- * 2-Just deserts as sinners
- 3-5:16

- 1-Free gift given which is not our due
- * 2-Getting what was not coming to us.
- 3 and what we do not deserve
- 3-Rom. 5:16 man

F. - Two Causes:

- 1-DISOBEDIENCE
- 2-Rom. 5:19

- 1-OBEDIENCE
- 2-Rom. 5:19
- 3-ILLUS---

On one occasion D. L. Moody was going with a friend to preach one Sunday morning, when a young man drove up in front of them. With him he had an aged woman.

"WHO IS THAT YOUNG MAN?" Moody inquired.

Moody's companion replied: "Do you see that beautiful meadow and that land over there with the large house on it? Well, that young man's father drank all that up." He went on to tell how the father squandered his property in drunkenness and left his wife in the "POOR HOUSE". Now that young man is a different story," he said. "He has toiled hard and earned money to buy back the land and house; to rescue his mother from poverty, and now to take her to Church with him."

Moody often told that story as an illustration in his mind of the FIRST ADAM in Eden, who sold us for nought, but Christ--THE LAST ADAM--came and bought us back again. The

FIRST ADAM brought us to the poor house. The LAST ADAM makes us kings and priests unto God. What a redemption we have in Jesus Christ!!

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G. - Two Measures:

- 1-Sin abounded
- 2-Rom. 5:20
- 3-Lit. = "was multiplied"
- 1-Grace much more abounded
- 2-Rom. 5:20
- 3-Lit. = "SUPERABOUNDED"
- 4-ILLUS - Sin is like a flood;

even after the waters have gone down there is devastation. Where the RUSSIAN RIVER flows near Guerneville, CA., floods killed several people last winter. A month later the town was still a desolate place. A journalist wrote of it: "Anyone who thinks a flood is over when the water has receded, should come here and see for himself."

Yes, the wages of sin is death, and the aftermath of sin is desolation. But for the believer in Jesus Christ there is another flood that comes, greater than the devastation of sin. The greek words have been translated: "WHERE SIN FLOODED, GRACE DID MUCH MORE OVERFLOW." (5:20)

H. - Two Kings (SOVEREIGNS):

- 1-Sin--Reigning thru death
- 2-Rom. 5:17, 21
- 3-Every coffin should remind us of the effect of Adam's sin
- 1-Grace--Reigning thru righteousness unto eternal life
- 2-Rom. 5:17, 21
- 3-Every promise of God should remind us of the KING OF LIFE, the Lord Jesus, Who freely gives to those who trust Him.

I. - Two Ends:

- 1-DEATH
- 2-Rom. 5:17, 21
- 1-ETERNAL LIFE
- 2-Rom. 5:17, 21

J. - Summary

- 1-Rom. 6:23 - "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life thru Jesus Christ our Lord."
- 2-Jameson, Faucett & Brown-- "If this section does not teach us that the whole race of Adam standing in him as their federal head 'sinned in him and fell with him in his first transgression,' we may despair of any intelligent exposition of it." (en. Loc)
- 3-Luther uttered a strong truth in these words: "He who has Christ has all things, and he who has not Christ has nothing."
- 4-All this springs from the ONE MAN Adam and the ONE MAN Christ

III. - THE APPLICATION:

A. - Federal Headship:

- 1-Race seen "in Adam" by natural generation - PHYSICAL BIRTH
- 2-Christians seen "in Christ" by supernatural generation - NEW BIRTH
- 3-Demerit (SIN) of Adam got us into our trouble
- 4-Merit (GRACE) of Christ gets us out and more.
- 5-Another term synonymous with "Federal Headship" would be "FOUNTAINHEAD"

Rom. 5:12-21 is a CELEBRATION of the marvelous reign of GRACE

B. - Three Major Biblical Imputations:

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- 1-Def -- "Imputation" == "Charge to the account of"
- 2-Imputation of **ADAM'S SIN**
 - To the whole human race
 - A **real imputation** of what is rightfully ours
 - Indicates the reason for our **NEED OF SALVATION**
- 3-Imputation of **SINS OF ALL MANKIND**
 - Laid on Jesus Christ
 - Sacrificial Substitute
 - The **JUST** for the **UNJUST**
 - This is a **judicial imputation**, for the **sins were OURS**, not Christ's.
 - This is the **PROVISION OF SALVATION**
- 4-Imputation of the **RIGHTEOUSNESS OF CHRIST**
 - To those who truly believe
 - Righteousness of Christ is **put to our account!**
 - 2 Cor. 5:21--"For God hath made Him to be sin for us, Who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him"
 - We are seen as possessing **all the righteousness** which belonged eternally to Christ Himself
 - This is a **judicial imputation**, for the **righteousness has been Christ's**, but is declared **now to be OURS**

5-ILLUS: -----Philemon 8-21

IV. - THE PERSONALIZATION:

A. - The Questions:

- 1-Do you understand ??
 - "In Adam"===LOST & undone; headed for **HELL**
 - "In Christ"===SAVED & possessing eternal life; headed for **heaven**
- 2-Natural birth got you "in Adam" along with all the rest of the human race
- 3-ONLY THE NEW BIRTH can place you "in Christ"
- 4-Where are you ???--In Adam ??
 - In Christ ??
- 5-WHO is your Federal Head?

Example of a
JUDICIAL
Imputation

B. - The Example:

- 1-ILLUS: -Years ago when Rey. William Graves founded the Vallejo Bible Church, the only place they could find for their first meeting-place was an old **ROAD HOUSE**
 - Tracts on the Bar
 - Chairs on the dance-floor
 - Text on the mirror behind the bar: **Rom. 5:20**
"Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound"
- 2-Similarly with the child of God
 - Sin abounded in our old life
 - Law of God **SHINED A SPOTLIGHT** on our inadequacies & showed them to be **sin**
 - Inability in ourselves to keep the law or to change our ways
 - SUPERABOUNDING GRACE** brought into our lives by Christ

EXALTATION OF GRACE!

3-No other way to be right with God!

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C. - The Decision!

1-Have you trusted Him

2-Won't you do so TODAY ??

The Importance - Provision both for our salvation AND for our sanctification

See Transparencies

By faith in Christ as
your Savior + Substitute

- ① — Outline
- ② — 2 Part detail on II
- ③ — Diagram from Rom. 5:12

Westbrae--1/10/71--#96--"Calvary Covers It ALL"

Bible Center Ch. #98--"O Happy Day"

Hilltop Bapt Ch. 9/5/07 10/18/07 -SS