

Southside Baptist Church  
Resurrection Sunrise Service – 3-31-24  
Look at what God has said and done for us.

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look at the Resurrection:

- 1) On that amazing resurrection morning –
- 2) Some, even today struggle to believe that there is life after death.
- 3) The timeless truths of the Resurrection are carried forward and revealed in God's Word.
- 4) The word "faith" that Paul uses here speaks of a strong and welcome conviction or belief that Jesus is the Messiah, through whom we obtain eternal salvation in the kingdom of God.
- 5) At salvation, it really is a childlike faith in trusting Jesus for –

2. The Truth of Justification:

a. You have been declared not guilty by grace through faith:

- 1) Romans 5:1 – **"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:"**
  - a) "justified by faith"; "peace"; "through our Lord Jesus Christ"
  - 2) Key Term – "justified" – God declares you righteous, the one who had faith in Jesus Christ.
  - 3) "justified" is a forensic (legal) act of God whereby He declared the believing sinner righteous on the basis of the blood of Christ.

b. Two Main Aspects of Justification:

- 1) It involved the pardon and removal of all sins and the end of separation from God.
  - a) Acts 13:39 - "And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses."
  - b) Colossians. 2:13 – "And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;"
  - c) Galatians 2:16 – "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified."
- 2) It also involves the bestowing of righteousness upon the believe person.
  - a) II Corinthians 5:21 – "For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.
  - b) God has forgiven us and granted us the very righteousness of Christ.
- 3) The blessing of justification is that it carries no guilt with it and has no memory of past transgression.
  - a) Hebrews 10:17- "And their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."
- 4) Justification - God has provided for our righteousness, the worthiness to stand in God's presence.
- 5) Romans 5:1 – "justified by faith" – past perfect tense – that which is completed.

3. The Truth of Regeneration:

a. You have been made/created brand new in Christ.

- 1) Regeneration is not a self-improvement program. Regeneration is nothing less than the impartation of new life.
  - a) Ephesians 2:5 – "Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)" "hath quickened" – to make alive with another.
  - b) Titus 3:3-7 – "For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. But after that the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man appeared. Not by works of

righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus our Savior; that being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”

2) Regeneration is the renewing work of the Holy Spirit that literally makes each believer a new person at the moment they trust Christ as Savior.

a) This is called the “new birth” – this is a work on the Spirit of God can do.

b) A great example of this change comes out in the story of Zacchaeus.

#### 4. The Truth of Reconciliation:

a. See what God has done:

1) Justification explains the judicial facts of our forgiveness and righteousness.

2) Regeneration explains that you are a new creation in Christ by faith.

3) Reconciliation explains the relational aspect of our salvation.

b. Reconciliation – those who were enemies have become friends.

1) Colossians 1:21-22 – “And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in *your* mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled <sup>22</sup> In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouable in his sight:”

2) If there is a sin so filthy and vile that it makes us less acceptable to God, then the Bible is in error when it says that He forgave all your sins.

a) Colossians 2:13-15 – “And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened (brought to life) together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; <sup>14</sup> Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances (The Law) that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; <sup>15</sup> *And* having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.”

3) God took our sins and canceled them by nailing them to the cross.

4) The moment we receive Christ by faith, we enter into a personal relationship with Him.

5) This did not happen because God decided He could overlook sin. It occurred because Christ forgave all our sin so that He could present us to the Father, holy, blameless and beyond reproach.

#### 5. The Truth of Redemption:

a. There may be more here than you know:

1) God has provided 3 pictures from the use of the term, “redemption”

b. Redemption – “agorazo” – to purchase in the market place.

1) Taken from a common practice of that day.

2) I Corinthians 6:20 – “For ye are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.”

c. Redemption – “exagorazo” – not only purchased from the slave market, removed from it altogether.

1) We have been set free from the Law and from being condemned by it.

a) Galatians 3:13 – “Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a tree:”

d. Redemption – “lutroo” – to obtain release by the payment of a price.

1) There was a price for our freedom –

a) I Peter 1:18-19 – “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers; <sup>19</sup> But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:”

b) Titus 2:14 – “Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.”

6. The Truth of Propitiation:

a. God must be true to His Holiness.

1) To be true to His Holiness, God punishes those whose righteousness is not the same as His.

2) When Christ died on the cross, He was our substitute.

a) I John 4:9-11 – “In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.”

b) Propitiation – The wrath of someone who has been unjustly wronged has been satisfied. It is an act that soothes hostility and satisfies the need for vengeance.

3) God sacrificed the sinless, perfect Savior to turn away, to propitiate, His great wrath.

7. Today's Take Away:

a. Believer, do you understand a little better what Jesus has given you through His life, suffering, death, burial and resurrection?