

## Part Three: “You are Righteous”

Acts 3:18-19

1 Corinthians 2:1-4

### REVIEW

When people are confronted with the suffering servant, Jesus Christ, something happens

WHY did Jesus have to suffer so much?

1. It was God’s will
  - Revelation 13:8... 1 Peter 1:19-20... Luke 22:42
2. To proclaim a message and release His power
  - 1 Corinthians 1:18
  - The message of the cross is powerful, it releases the power of God into our lives when we fully grasp it

The message of the cross is the power of God:

- When a person receives the truth of this message into their heart by faith, it has the power to save their soul
- It is the good news a lost a dying world is waiting for
- It is the power of God for those of us who are “being saved”
  - All of the freedom, healing, deliverance, and salvation you need is found at the foot of the cross

### PROPITIATION:

- The work of Jesus on the cross that satisfied God’s holiness so God could extend mercy to lost sinners
- You don’t have to face the wrath of God directed toward your sin for an eternity

### REDEMPTION:

- Ephesians 1:7
- “to buy back or purchase”, “to release from captivity”
  - We have been bought back from the power sin held over us
  - We are free from sin’s power, finally I can serve God

The power of the cross to you who are **NOT** saved is this:

- Jesus Christ has paid redemption’s price and now you can be TRULY free and FORGIVEN

The power of the cross to you who are **BEING** saved, says you are free... You can live a holy life

**TODAY, we look at how the power of the cross brings JUSTIFICATION**

Romans 5:8-9

### 1. Justification DEFINED

Romans 3:23... Ephesians 2:1–3... Colossians 1:21... Titus 3:3

In heaven’s court, we ALL stand GUILTY

- Galatians 3:11
- The justice of God says a **PENALTY** must be paid... the penalty of our sin is **DEATH**

**JUSTIFICATION** = that act of God whereby He declares righteous him who believes in Christ

- The process by which sinful, guilty human beings are made acceptable to a holy God
- It is a DECLARATIVE act

## 2. Justification brings \_\_\_\_\_ from the penalty

It is the remission, pardon, forgiveness or deliverance from the penalty

- Genesis 2:17... Romans 5:12–14

If man is to be saved this penalty must first be REMOVED:

- Isaiah 53:5
- 2 Corinthians 5:21
- 1 Peter 2:24
- Romans 4:7

## 3. Justification brings the \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s favor

Romans 1:18... the sinner not only incurred a penalty for their sin, but he has also lost God’s favor

James 2:23... the justified man becomes a **FRIEND** of God

Romans 5:1... the justified man has **PEACE** with God

Galatians 4:3-7... the justified man is made an **HEIR** of God and a **FELLOW HEIR** of Christ

## 4. Justification brings the imputation of \_\_\_\_\_

Imputation = to attribute to or reckon someone

- Philemon 18
- 2 Corinthians 5:21
- 1 Corinthians 1:30

God has restored favor by imputing to us Christ’s righteousness

## WRAP UP: How am I justified?

1. Not by any **WORK** of the Law... Galatians 2:16
2. I am justified by the **GRACE** of God... Romans 3:24
3. I am justified by the **BLOOD** of Jesus... Romans 5:9
4. I am justified by **FAITH**... Romans 5:1, Galatians 2:16

The power of the cross is justification to us who are being saved!

Christian, you can stop trying to pay the price for your past sins – in God’s eyes you are **RIGHTEOUS!**