

Message 1

Redemption, Justification, and Regeneration

I. Redemption

A. Its necessity

1. God's purpose

Genesis 1:26a

And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness and let them have dominion...

Isaiah 54:5a

For your Maker is your Husband...

2. Man's fall

Genesis 3:24

So He drove the man out, and at the east of the garden of Eden He placed the cherubim and a flaming sword which turned in every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.

3. Our helpless and hopeless condition

Romans 3:10

Even as it is written, "There is none righteous, not even one.

Romans 1:32a

...fully knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death...

a. Holding down the truth in unrighteousness (Rom. 1:18)

b. Not glorifying God or thanking Him (Rom. 1:21)

c. Exchanging the truth of God for the lie (Rom. 1:25)

d. Not approving of holding God in full knowledge (Rom. 1:28)

e. Therefore God gave them up to uncleanness; God gave them up to passions of dishonor; God gave them up to a disapproved mind (Rom. 1:24, 26, 28)

B. Its qualifying and positioning

Romans 3:24

Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.

Romans 5:10

For if we, being enemies, were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more we will be saved in His life, having been reconciled.

C. Its practical application

Romans 3:22

Even the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ to all those who believe, for there is no distinction.

Romans 3:25a

Whom God set forth as a propitiation place through faith in His blood...

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Romans 10:17

So faith *comes* out of hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

1 Timothy 1:19

Holding faith and a good conscience, *concerning* which some, thrusting *these* away, have become shipwrecked regarding the faith.

1 Timothy 3:9

Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Acts 24:16

Because of this I also exercise myself to always have a conscience without offense toward God and men.

D. "...But the righteous shall have life and live by faith" (Rom. 1:17)

Romans 1:16-17

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes, both to Jew first and to Greek.

17 For the righteousness of God is revealed in it out of faith to faith, as it is written, "But the righteous shall have life and live by faith."

II. Justification

A. The definition

Romans 3:23-28

23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

24 Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; 25 Whom God set forth as a propitiation place through faith in His blood, for the demonstrating of His righteousness, in that in His forbearance God passed over the sins that had previously occurred,

26 With a view to the demonstrating of His righteousness in the present time, so that He might be righteous and the One who justifies him who is of the faith of Jesus. 27 Where then is boasting? It is excluded.

Through what kind of law? That of works? No, but through the law of faith.

28 For we account that a man is justified by faith apart from the

works of the law. B. The example

Romans 4:2-3, 20, 22-25

2 For if Abraham was justified out of works, he has something to boast in, but not before God.

3 For what does the Scripture say? "And Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him as righteousness."

20 But with regard to the promise of God, he did not doubt in

unbelief, but was empowered by faith, giving glory to God
22 Therefore also it was accounted to him as righteousness.
23 Now it was not written for his sake only that it was accounted to him,
24 But for ours also to whom it is to be accounted, who believe on Him
who has raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,
25 Who was delivered for our offenses and was raised for our justification.

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C. The result

Romans 5:1-2

1 Therefore having been justified out of faith, we have peace toward
God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
2 Through whom also we have obtained access by faith into this
grace in which we stand and boast because of the hope of the
glory of God.

Romans 5:18b

...so also *it was* through one righteous act unto justification of life to all men.

III. Regeneration

A. The definition—to have the life of God in addition to our natural life

John 1:12-13

12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the authority to
become children of God, to those who believe into His name,
13 Who were begotten not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the
will of man, but of God.

John 3:15

That everyone who believes into Him may have eternal life.

B. The accomplishment

1. Through the resurrection of Christ

1 Peter 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who
according to His great mercy has regenerated us unto a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Ephesians 2:5-6

5 Even when we were dead in offenses, made us alive together
with Christ (by grace you have been saved)
6 And raised *us* up together with *Him* and seated *us* together
with *Him* in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus.

2. Through God's Spirit in our spirit

John 3:1-6

1 But there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of
the Jews. 2 This one came to Him by night and said to Him, Rabbi,
we know that You have come from God as a teacher, for no one can
do these signs that You do unless God is with him.

- 3 Jesus answered and said to him, Truly, truly, I say to you,
Unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God.
- 4 Nicodemus said to Him, How can a man be born when he is old? He
cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born,
can he?
- 5 Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless one is born of
water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of
God.
- 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born
of the Spirit is spirit.

3. Through God's word of life

1 Peter 1:23

...regenerated...through *the* living and abiding word of God.

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James 1:18a

He brought us forth by the word of truth...

1 Corinthians 4:15

For though you have ten thousand guides in Christ, yet *you*
do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten
you through the gospel.

4. The result—a practical spiritual union

Romans 8:16

The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God.

1 Corinthians 6:17

But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.