God's Plan for a People to be His…

(Justified by Faith)

Romans 3:21 – 4:25

From Last Week…

Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be closed and all the world may become accountable to God; because by the works of the Law none of mankind will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes knowledge of sin.

Ro 3:19-20 (NASB 2020)

Justified by Faith

But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, but it is the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus, whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith.

Ro 3:21-25a (NASB 2020)

Justified by Faith - 2

This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in God's merciful restraint He let the sins previously committed go unpunished; for the demonstration, that is, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Ro 3:25b-26 (NASB 2020)

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God created humans in His image

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The Righteousness of God

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God's character:

- morally perfect
- holy
- just



"right-standing" (justification)

We are accepted and treated as righteous

Salvation is for all

Salvation is universal



"…it is the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ **for all those who believe**…"

by faith, through faith in Jesus

The Human Condition

…for there is no distinction, for all have sinned and **fall short** of the glory of God…

There is no one who does good, not even one.

Have and continue to fall short

Justified as a Gift

…for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus, whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith.**

- tied closely to righteousness
- to render (or regard as) just or innocent
- to render righteous **or such he ought to be**

God's Verdict for Believers

…for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus, whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith.**

- not condemned
- accepted and treated as righteous in the eyes of the law
- Free from guilt
- God has and continues to declares believers as righteous

Jesus paid the price for our sins: yesterday, today, tomorrow

Redemption (apolytrōsis)

…for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus, whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith.**

- a buy-back; released (set free) through the payment of a ransom price
- debt is **"paid in full"** through the blood of Christ
- the means through which justification occurs
- the means through which we are "made right" with God.

Propitiation (hilastērion)

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- Appeasing / Expiating
- Mercy seat (atoning cover)



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Boasting and the Law

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God accepts all who come to Him in faith

Abraham's Justification by Faith

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Ro 4:1-6 (NASB 2020)

Abraham's Justification by Faith -2

"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHOSE LAWLESS DEEDS
HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN,
AND WHOSE SINS HAVE BEEN COVERED.
BLESSED IS THE MAN WHOSE SIN THE LORD WILL NOT
TAKE INTO ACCOUNT."

Ro 4:7-8 (NASB 2020)

Quoted from Psalm 32:1-2
"Blessedness of Forgiveness and of Trust in God"

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Before	The Transaction	After
Jesus Righteousness of God	Turn to Jesus In faith	Jesus Assigned Our Sin and its Penalty God is glorified
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Abraham's Justification by Faith - 4

For the promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would be heir of the world was not through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith. For if those who are of the Law are heirs, then faith is made void and the promise is nullified; for the Law brings about wrath, but where there is no law, there also is no violation.

Ro 4:13-15 (NASB 2020)

Abraham's Justification by Faith - 5

For this reason it is by faith, in order that it may be in accordance with grace, so that the promise will be guaranteed to all the descendants, not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, (as it is written: "I HAVE MADE YOU A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS") in the presence of Him whom he believed, that is, God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that do not exist. In hope against hope he believed, so that he might become a father of many nations according to that which had been spoken, "SO SHALL YOUR DESCENDANTS BE."

Ro 4:16-18 (NASB 2020)

God's Promise to Abram

"I HAVE MADE YOU A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS"

No longer shall you be named Abram,
But your name shall be Abraham;
For I have made you the father of a multitude of nations.
I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you.

Exodus 17:5-6

God then institutes the covenant of circumcision
(refer to Exodus 17:9-14)

Abraham's Justification by Faith - 6

Without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah's womb; yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform. Therefore IT WAS ALSO CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Ro 4:19-22 (NASB 2020)

Abraham's Justification by Faith - 7

Now not for his sake only was it written that it was credited to him, but for our sake also, to whom it will be credited, to us who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, He who was delivered over because of our wrongdoings, and was raised because of our justification.

Ro 4:23-25 (NASB 2020)

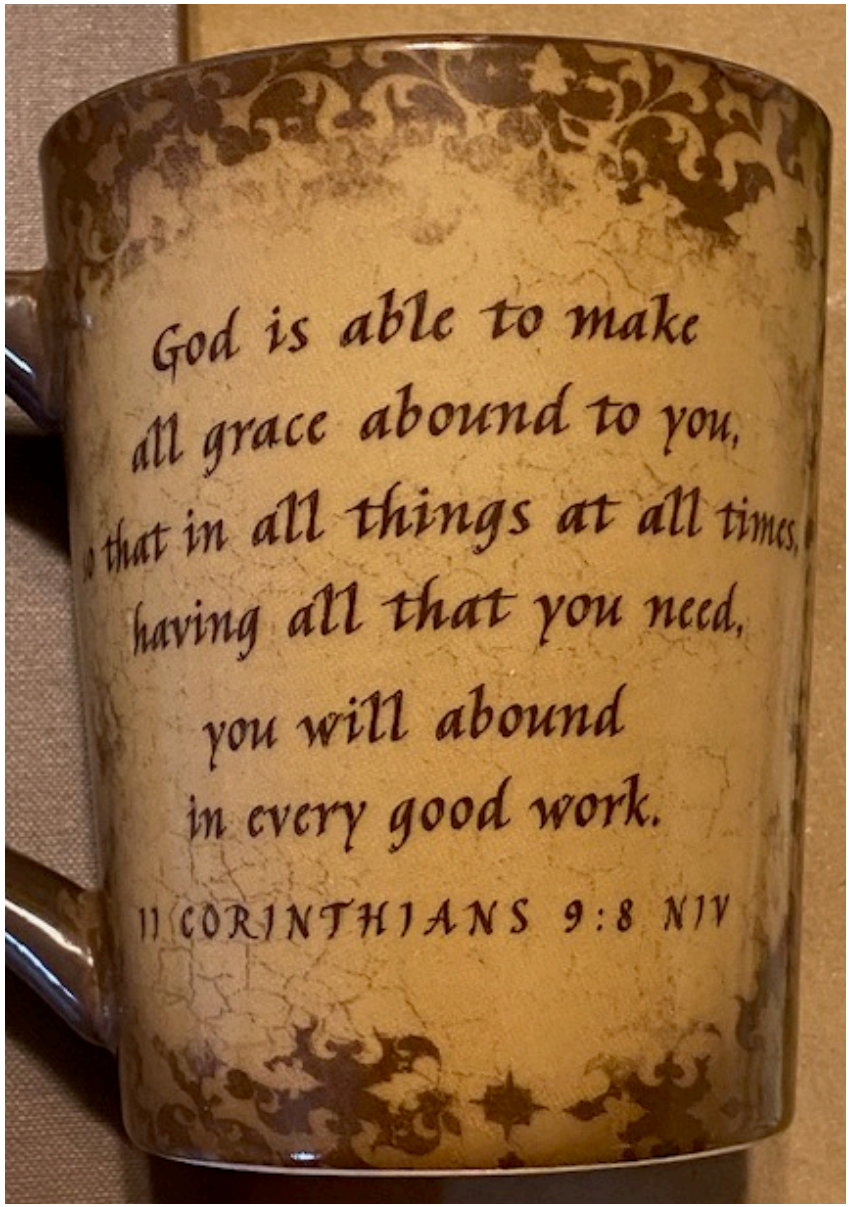
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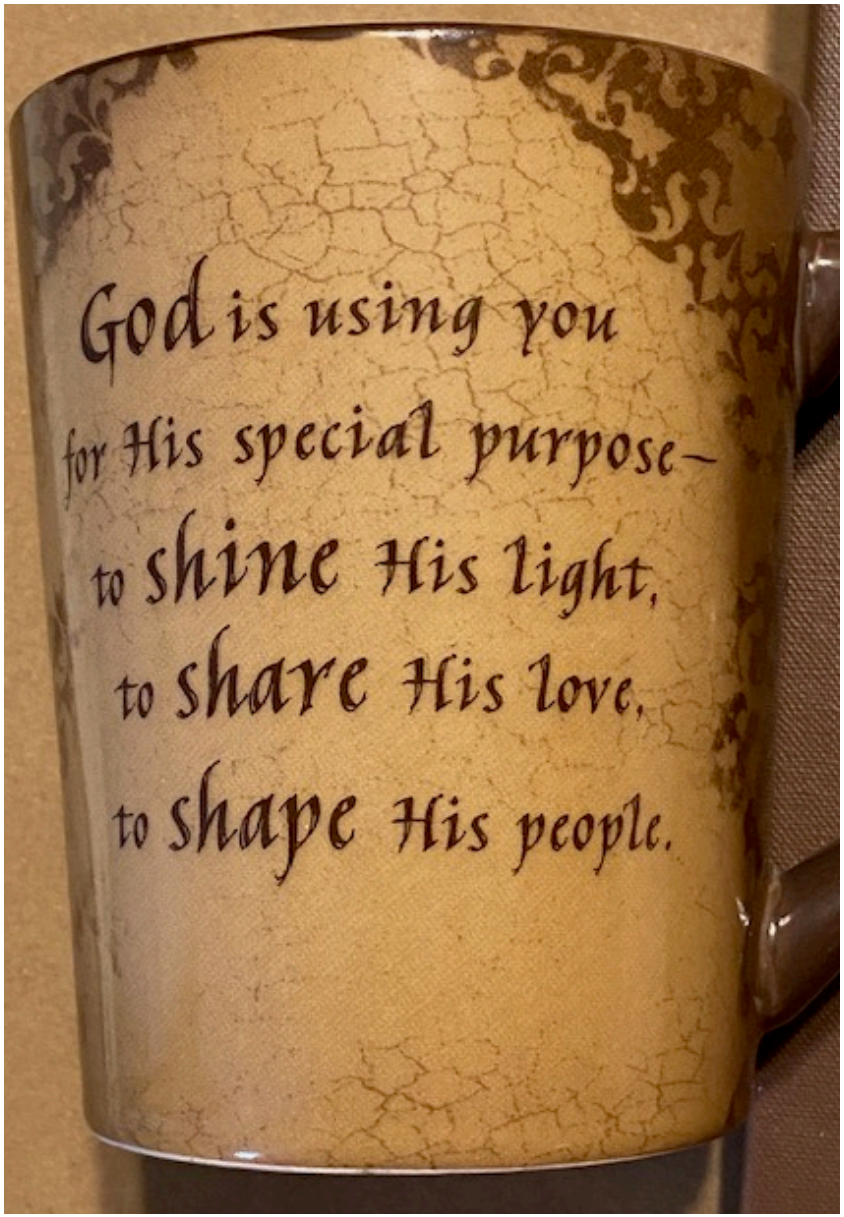
Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.

Rev 3:20 (NASB 2020)

God is gracious and merciful
He longs to be reconciled to you!


All have sinned and fallen short
God sent His Son
Turn to Jesus in faith
Justified (declared righteous)
Personal Relationship
Assurance of Salvation
God is glorified
Have you put your faith and trust in Jesus?





How are we doing?