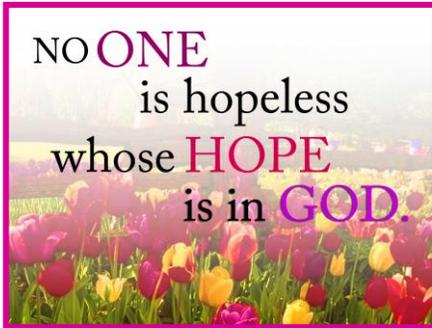


SUMMER QUARTER SUNDAY SCHOOL 2016
THEME: TOWARD A NEW CREATION
UNIT TWO – A WORLD GONE WRONG

“JUSTIFIED AND EMANCIPATED BY FAITH IN THE SAVIOUR”



Sunday School Lesson No. VIII– July 24, 2016
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Lesson Text: Romans 5:1-11

Required Reading: Romans 5

Motto Text: Romans 5:1, 5, *“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ... And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.”*

Reliable Resources: All the Books and Chapters of the Bible (H. Lockyer); Understanding the 66 Books of the Bible (Dr. David Jeremiah); Expository Notes and Outlines on the Book of Romans (E. C. Gillentine); Word Search 10 Electronic Library; MacArthur Study Bible; Union Gospel Press Expositor and Illuminator; Precepts for Living (UMI Publishing); George Brooks Preaching Commentary; Analytical Bible Expositor; Wiersbe Expository Outlines

INTRODUCTION

The theme for the unit we are studying declares that God has an answer for this lost world. We have learned that this is made possible through God’s salvation. Why? Because we were born “Enemies of the Saviour” and must one day be “Evaluated by the Sovereign.” But through the justifying work of the Lord Jesus’ sacrificial blood, we are **“Justified and Emancipated by Faith in Him.”** To be emancipated means to be “liberated or loosened.” And the person who trusts in Christ is emancipated because of the work of Christ called Justification.

What is Justification? According to Dr. Warren Wiersbe, “It is the gracious act of God in declaring righteous the sinner who believes in Jesus Christ.” Now remember: “Justification does not make a person righteous; he is declared righteous.” It is a judicial ruling by God the Supreme Judge. According to The Declaration of Faith in the Baptist Way Book by Ben M. Bogard, “...We believe that the great gospel blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in Him is justification; that justification includes the pardon of sin, and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through Faith in the Redeemer’s blood; by virtue of which faith His perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of God; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.”

There are two things we should consider about being **“Justified and Emancipated by Faith in the Saviour.”** Our **Anticipated Power Points** show that the former sinner, now believer is:

- **Justified and Emancipated to a New Position. Romans 5:1-5**
- **Justified and Emancipated Through Christ’s Payment. Romans 5:6-11**

OUTLINE

I. Justified and Emancipated to a New Position. Romans 5:1-5

From condemned enemies to accepted children of God. According to Paul, the justified life is marked by a new position, which is described as...

A. A new posture before God. vs. 1-2

1. Because of our faith. vs. 1

We now have peace and are not enemies because we are justified! Hebrews 11:6 tells us: *“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.”*

2. Because of God’s grace. vs. 2

Titus 2:11-12 says, *“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world.”*

We now have access without denial because we are justified! Rejoicing with tiptoe anticipation in God's rule over all!

B. A new prospective. vss. 3-4

1. We glory in **tribulation** knowing that because we are no longer enemies, God is using circumstances to make us stronger, and teach us patience.
2. **Patience** is our response to tribulation. Not passivity but brave endurance to press on and not quit!
3. The **experience** we gain from these develops our character. Literally, we learn to endure our faith even under fire! (Remember the three Hebrew boys of Daniel chapter 3, who feared not the fire!)
4. And **hope** results in Divine expectations! We believe that God is in control and will give us a means to succeed. I Corinthians 10:13, *"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."*

C. A new partner (The Holy Ghost). vs. 5

Accordingly, God has not left us alone in our new position, but has sent us a Divine Partner who is the Holy Spirit! John 14:16-18 shares, *"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 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. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you."* Now we learn from John 16:13, *"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come."* Praise the Lord to be justified and emancipated, which gives us a new position! But how is this accomplished?

II. Justified and Emancipated Through Christ's Payment. Romans 5:6-11

A. Motivated because of man's need! vss. 6-7

The act of justification was of great necessity to mankind. Why? Because we note in Romans 3:10 and 23: *"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one...For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."* The condition of the human heart is bankrupt without a direct deposit from the sacrificial account of Christ! People may show compassion and assist the righteous and even the good, but who will deliver the filthy and foul? Isaiah 53:4-6, *"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."*

B. Consummated by Christ's deed. vss. 8-11

Through the gracious sacrificial work of Jesus Christ, God has placed into our account so great a salvation! Jesus' act of love in paying the penalty for sin is an act of satisfying the justice of God! Romans 6:23, *"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."* But God made a transfer, giving the sinner who receives Jesus Christ His righteousness, while Jesus took the sinner's penalty and debt! This great act of God on the behalf of believing sinners is called **RECONCILIATION**, defined as "to bring together that which was separated or at war." Beloved, Paul wrote how this is accomplished in 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."* Christ's deed in securing the believer's salvation and satisfying the Father's justice is never-ending and should never be taken lightly!

CLOSING

Beloved, who are you depending on to secure your righteousness with God? Isaiah 64:6 condemns us all, *"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away."* But Paul reminds us in the words of Romans 4:21-22 that the only way to have peace and fellowship with God is by accepting His righteousness through Jesus Christ! *"And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness."* Beloved, have you submitted unto God's righteousness? If you have, then you are Justified and Emancipated by the Saviour! Remember John 1:12, *"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."*

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