

"The Doctrine of Justification"

Romans 3:21-5:11

Part 16

Introduction: We are currently looking at the blessings which the believer possesses because of what Jesus did for us upon the cross when He died for our sins. When we repent and place our faith in Jesus Christ as our Substitute who died for each of us personally we are then JUSTIFIED. God removes our sin from our account and He imputes His own righteousness to our account. This is a one-timer legal action which takes place the moment we are saved.

Now, because of Christ's sacrifice for us and since we have been JUSTIFIED we now experience great blessings THROUGH Jesus Christ. As we have been looking at these blessings we are able to see the security we have based upon the finished work of Jesus Christ.

I. The Security of the Believer

Part 5

1. We now have peace WITH God.
2. We now have ACCESS into the presence of God by the GRACE which we stand in.
3. We rejoice in the hope of the GLORY of God.
4. We rejoice in tribulations.
5. We are wrapped FOREVER in God's love.

Last week in our study we looked at the love of God which is the love He has for us.

Notice Romans 5:5

God's love is "poured" like a raging river into the heart of each believer by the Holy Spirit Because God desires that we know and experience His love. We see this in Paul's prayer for the saints at Ephesus.

Ephesians 3:16-19

¹⁶ That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

¹⁷ That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

¹⁸ May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

¹⁹ And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Now the question would come up in some Christian circles, "Does God stop loving us when we fall into sin?" Paul goes on to answer that very question.

Notice Romans 5:6-8

Paul's point in these verses is that God loved us when we were ungodly and when we were His enemies and He loved us so much that He sent His Only Son to the cross to bear our sins so that we could be forgiven.

2 Corinthians 5:21

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.

The word "COMMENDETH" in verse 8 means "PROVED". God PROVED His love for us on the cross. So, Paul's point here is this, "If God loved us while we were ungodly and enemies against Him then will He not continue to love us now that we are His children?" We will never be what we were before we were saved ever again. We are new creations in Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:17

¹⁷ Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Because of what Jesus did for us on the cross we are forever wrapped in the love of God and there is nothing we can do to ever cause Him to love us less. His love is NOT CONDITIONAL, but it is UNCONDITIONAL.

Romans 8:38-39

³⁸ For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

³⁹ Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This now brings us to where we are in our study tonight.

6. We will NEVER face the wrath of God.

Notice Romans 5:9

The words "MUCH MORE" are here to magnify what we have through Jesus Christ. There are 5 "MUCH MORE" statements in this chapter. They are found in Romans 5:9, 10, 15, 17, 20. They are in this chapter to emphasize the blessings we have all because of the Sacrifice Jesus made for us on the cross.

Notice Romans 5:9 again.

Since we are NOW justified we SHALL be saved from the wrath of God. This assurance can be seen in two aspects.

1. There is a present wrath which we are saved from.

Unbelievers today are under the wrath of God as they walk through this world.

Romans 1:18

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

Ephesians 2:1-3

And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

² Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

³ Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

The unbeliever is also treasuring up wrath like water behind a dam as he or she continues to reject the love of God.

Romans 2:4-5

⁴ Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

⁵ But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;

Jesus said the wrath of God is abiding on them at this very time.

John 3:36

³⁶ *He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.*

The word "abideth" carries the idea that God's wrath is "continually on the unbeliever". Paul spoke of the wrath of God on unbelievers also in Colossians.

Colossians 3:5-6

⁵ *Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:*

⁶ *For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:*

This present wrath of God is manifest in several ways upon the unbelievers.

- a. **They are given over by God to sink deeper into their sin.**

Romans 1:22-23, 24a, 26a, 28a

²² *Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,*

²³ *And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.*

²⁴ *Wherefore God also gave them up ...*

²⁶ *For this cause God gave them up ...*

²⁸ *And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over...*

This is all for the purpose of helping them to see their need of a Savior.

Let me show you what Paul said concerning the Jews who rejected and crucified Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 2:14-16

¹⁴ *For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they have of the Jews:*

¹⁵ *Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men:*

¹⁶ Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.

b. No matter what they do they cannot find a lasting rest in life.

Hebrews 3:10-11, 19

¹⁰ Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways.

¹¹ So I sware in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.)

¹⁹ So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

Israel, because of UNBELIEF could not enter into Canaan which was God's rest. In the same way unbelievers today experience the wrath of God and one of the consequences is they have no rest in anything which they do.

As believers however, we do not have the wrath of God abiding upon us. We are free from the wrath of God. God will never give us up or over to a life of sin. He will instead chasten us and if we do not repent He can then end our lives to take us home before our appointed day.

Hebrews 12:6-10

⁶ For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

⁷ If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

⁸ But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

⁹ Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

¹⁰ For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

Then we see the example of God ending a believer's life early in Corinth.

1 Corinthians 11:29-30

²⁹ For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

³⁰ For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

Getting back to the point, we are saved from the present wrath through Jesus Christ because He has paid the penalty for our sin and has removed them from our account.

2. There is coming a future wrath which we shall be saved from.

There is coming a future wrath also, but we are promised that we will have no part in this future wrath.

1 Thessalonians 1:10

¹⁰ And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

There are two aspects to the future wrath.

1. The seven-year Tribulation period.

Revelation 6:15-17

¹⁵ And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

¹⁶ And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

¹⁷ For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

We are assured that we will NOT go through any part of the Tribulation period.

Revelation 3:7a, 10

⁷ And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write;

¹⁰ Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

2. The Lake of Fire

The ultimate wrath of God will be experienced in the Lake of Fire and we know that as believers we will NOT have any part in the Lake of Fire.

Revelation 20:15

¹⁵ And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Every person has their name written in the Book of Life because God desires that all would be saved. Those who reject Christ and die in their sins are removed but for us who have trusted in Christ our names will never be removed and so we can have the assurance that we will never experience the wrath of God in the Lake of Fire.

Revelation 3:1a, 5

And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write;

*⁵ He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and **I will not blot out his name out of the book of life**, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.*

Now let me show you who the OVERCOMER is.

1 John 5:4-5

⁴ For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

⁵ Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

The one who has accepted Jesus Christ is the OVERCOMER and we are promised as OVERCOMERS that we will never have our names removed from the Book of Life.

Conclusion:

When Jesus died upon the cross He experienced the wrath of God for us. God's wrath fell upon Jesus because He had upon Him our sins. So, because we are now in Christ we can be sure we are saved from His wrath because the wrath of God will NEVER fall upon Jesus again!

1 Thessalonians 5:9

⁹ For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,