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Saved to the Uttermost

3. Justification: Declared Righteous

Selected Scriptures

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Recap and Introduction

- Last week, we saw God's sovereign work of regeneration – God causing us to be born again through His _____and _____.
- Believers are presently in _____ tenses of salvation at once.
- We ARE saved from the _____ of sin - We ARE justified by faith in the perfect and finished work of Jesus Christ, and secure in our salvation.
- We ARE BEING saved from the _____ of sin - We are actively BEING sanctified as the Spirit empowers us to lay aside sins, resist temptations, and live our lives in righteousness and holiness.
- And we are assured that we WILL BE saved from the _____ of sin – We are awaiting our new and glorified bodies that we will receive in the resurrection when Christ comes again. With those new bodies, we will have physical bodies that will not know what it is to sin because sin will not be there.
- REDEEM – ____ _____ _____, usually by a ransom.
- **Psa 98:8** *Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together*

  Psa 98:9 *before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will_____ the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.*
- If sin was committed, then the guilty _____ who committed it must be judged for it.
- The word "justification" or "justified" is forensic; it's a _____ term – it's a court term.

I. The Need for Justification (vv. 21–23)

- **Rom 3:10** *as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one;*

  Rom 3:11 *no one understands; no one seeks for God.*

  Rom 3:12 *All have turned aside; together they have become worthless;* _____ _____ _____ _____*, not even one."*

- Every single person stands guilty before a holy God, and our guilt merits us the condemnation and _____of our perfectly holy God.
- There is _____about us that is holy.
- The same loving God who regenerated us giving us a desire to know Him and return to fellowship and communion with Him has made the way for our guilt to _____ be removed!

II. The Source of Justification (vv. 24–25a)

- Justification is not earned—it's a _____.
- JUSTIFICATION – "An instantaneous legal act of God in which He (1) thinks of our sins as forgiven and Christ's righteousness as belonging to us, and (2) declares us to be _____ in His sight."[1]
- PROPITIATION - a sacrifice that _____ God's wrath.

III. The Means of Justification (vv. 25b–26)

- Remember, all those Old Testament sacrifices, laws, and ceremonies were just _____ and _____ pointing to someone much greater – Jesus Christ.
- So, our perfectly just Judge has _____ justice against our sin by the perfect Son of Man, Jesus Christ, who never sinned, taking upon Himself our sin and judgment.
- But God doesn't justify all of humanity. Justification is for an _____ group of people.
- **Rom 3:25a** *whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by* _____. . .

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[1] Grudem, Wayne. *Systematic Theology, Second Edition*. 1994, 2020. Zondervan. Grand Rapids, MI. p. 885.

- **Rom 3:26b** *. . . so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has _____ in Jesus.*
- Saving faith is trusting in Jesus Christ alone, believing that only His perfect work in His life, death, and resurrection is all that is required by and acceptable to God for the _____ of our sins and to make us righteous.

IV. The Results of Justification (vv. 27-28)

1. _____ **with God** - His wrath against us has been appeased, and we who were once His enemies have been made His children.
2. _____ **of salvation** – If justification rests on Christ and not our performance, then our confidence is secure.
3. _____ **Righteousness** – Not only did God lay our sins on Christ, but He counts Christ's righteousness as ours. We call this the Great Exchange.
4. **Freedom from** _____ - No one can claim to have saved themselves.

Conclusion

- At the cross, God's _____ and _____ meet. He did not overlook sin—He judged it fully in Christ.

*To the **unbeliever**: You cannot earn your way to heaven. Stop trusting in yourself and put your faith in Christ alone.*

*To the **believer**: Rest in the finished work of Christ. Stop living under guilt and shame—God has already declared you righteous.*

*To the **church**: Proclaim this gospel clearly. The people in this world don't need moral improvement—they need justification by faith in Christ.*