

Sermon Notes

Forgiven and Accepted - Acts 13:38-43

April 12, 2020

I. Introduction

- a. virus has much of America hiding... locked behind closed doors... you will be too... unless you know what day of the week it is...
If it's Friday... Jesus has been nailed to the cross... He is dead.
If it's Friday... Mary is crying her eyes out., her beloved Son is gone.
If it's Friday... disciples are weak, scattered, divided, leaderless, hiding in fear.
If it's Friday... the religious leaders are thrilled, they think they've won.
If it's Friday... satan is dancing, because earth and its people are now his.
If it's Friday... temple veil is ripped, sun is hidden, earth shakes, rocks split, tombs open.
If it's Friday... the centurion shouts, *truly, this man was the Son of God.*
But it's not Friday, it's Sunday... the angel has appeared, sin and death defeated.
Mark 16:5-7... "looking for Jesus... He has risen... He is not here..."
Luke 24:6-7... "He is not here... He is risen... remember He told you..."
- b. because its Sunday... because He is risen... sin and death have been conquered... never again do you have to be afraid of death...
1Cor 15:1-4... "gospel is how you are saved, if you believe... what is most important... Christ died for our sin, buried, raised on 3rd day..."
Heb 2:14-15... "Jesus broke power of death... set free those with fear..."
- c. Gospel is always about Jesus (good news)... His goodness, obedience, perfection... never about you, your sin or disobedience... pray...
Rom 1:16-17... "not ashamed of Gospel... THE power for salvation to all who believe... in it, God's righteousness is revealed..."
soteria... deliverance, preservation, safety, salvation, health, rescue...

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- a. do you know what God's will is for you... to bless you...
1Thess 5:18... "give thanks... this is God's will for you... in Christ..."
thelema... purpose of God to bless mankind thru Christ; what God wishes...
- b. no curses in NC, only blessings... all come thru Christ (not actions)...
Eph 1... "every spiritual blessing in Christ... chose us to be holy and blameless... adopted... redemption thru His blood... forgiveness of sins according to grace... all wisdom and understanding... inheritance... sealed with HS... all under His authority for benefit of the church..."
- c. God loves everyone... not everyone is His child... only kids receive inheritance... blessings not guaranteed to world... only to the church...
Rom 8:17-32... "if children, then heirs... freely given us all things..."

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- d. Jesus' death and resurrection opened door for adoption into family...
Rom 8... "not receive spirit of slavery to fear... but Spirit of adoption..."
Gal 4... "redeem those under law... for adoption as sons and heirs..."
- e. available to everyone... not by religion (etp), but personal choice... no one is too far gone... too much of a sinner... beyond hope...
Joel 2:32... "everyone who calls on name of the Lord will be saved..."
John 3:16-18... "everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life... everyone who believes is not condemned..."
Acts 13:38-43... "everyone who believes... justified from everything..."
Rom 10:13... "everyone who calls on name of Lord will be saved..."
- f. being saved is not just being saved from hell... that's best part, but there's more... benefits on this earth... these things are for those who keep believing... take possession of what Christ has done for you...
1Cor 15:1-4... "let me remind you of the Good News... it saves you..."
sozo... to save; keep safe and sound; rescue from danger or destruction; save suffering one from disease; make well, heal, restore to health; from judgment...
- g. at one time, sin separated us from God... no longer... God got personal with us... sent His Son to pay the full price for sin... it is finished...
John 1:17... "God's unfailing love and faithfulness came thru Jesus..."
2Cor 5:17-21... "if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation... God was returning the world to favor thru Jesus... not counting sins against us..."
1John 2... "sacrifice for sins of whole world... forgiven by His name..."
- h. thru Jesus, we are forgiven... completely, totally... all sins gone...
Acts 10:43... "everyone who believes... receive forgiveness of sins..."
Eph 1:7... "redemption thru blood... forgiveness of sins... by grace..."
Col 1:14... "purchased freedom with blood... forgiven all our sins..."
Col 2:8-13... "complete in Christ... He forgave all our sins..."
aphesis... letting them go as if they had never been committed...
Psa 103... "forgives all your sins... removes as far as east from west..."
1Cor 15:17 GSV... "if Christ is been raised... no longer in your sins..."
Heb 8:12; 10:17... "I will never again remember their sins..."
- i. thru Jesus, we're accepted... completely, totally... until He fails...
Rom 3:21-26... "righteousness... thru faith in Jesus... all who believe..."
Rom 5:1-19... "righteous by His blood... thru one Man's obedience..."
Rom 10:4... "Christ is end of law for righteousness... all who believe..."
Gal 2:16... "we believed... that we might be justified by faith..."
dikaosune... acceptable to God; man as he ought to be; correct think, act, feel...
- j. belief in Jesus allows us to approach God with confidence... receive all He has given to us... righteous, holy, perfect in His sight...
1Cor 6:11... "washed, sanctified, justified... in name of Christ..."
Heb 10... "made holy by sacrifice of Jesus... made perfect forever..."

Sermon Notes II
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- k. *pastor, this stuff doesn't work, I've tried before... not asking you to try anything... not asking you to do anything but believe...*
John 6:28-29... *"we want to perform the works of God, what should we do... this is the only work God wants, believe in the One He sent..."*
1John 3:22-23... *"receive whatever we ask, if we keep His commands... and this is His command, that we believe in the name of Jesus..."*
- l. nothing to do with doing... everything to do with believing... some of you are running out of hope... depression, sickness, poverty, failure, sin has taken over your life... wrong song playing in your heart...
1Cor 15:17... *"if Christ not raised... faith worthless... still in sins..."*
1Cor 15:52-57... *"God gives us victory thru our Lord Jesus..."*
1Pet 1:3-5... *"given us new birth into living hope thru resurrection..."*
- m. Easter is all about new beginnings... God is not as concerned about your past as He is about your present and your future... Jesus didn't come to make bad people good... but dead people alive (*reveille*)...
Rom 6:23... *"wages of sin is death... gift of God is life thru Jesus..."*
Col 2:13... *"when you were dead in sins... He made you alive..."*
1Pet 1... *"redeemed from empty way of life... with precious blood..."*

Heavenly Father... thank you that you love me and sent Jesus to die for my sins. His precious blood cleanses me completely and totally from every sin. Thank you that when Jesus died, I died with Him... when He was buried, I was buried with Him... when He was raised from the dead, I was raised with Him. I live unto God in union with the Risen Christ. I believe and receive Him as my Lord and Savior. My sins are completely gone, and I am now the righteousness of God in Christ. I am perfect and holy in your sight. I am forgiven and accepted. Thank you, Jesus.

Did You Ever Wonder What It Means?

RIGHTEOUSNESS is always a Noun in the Bible. A basic biblical definition of the word *dikaosune* is a *condition acceptable to God*. It is the *state of a person as he ought to be*. It produces *integrity, virtue, purity of life, and a correctness of thinking, acting, feeling*. It always and only comes by our belief in Jesus.

Rom 3:20-26; Rom 10:3-4; 1Cor 15:34

JUSTIFICATION is the judicial act of God... by which He pardons all the sins of those who believe in Christ, and accounts, accepts and treats them as righteous in the eye of the law. In addition to the pardon of sin... justification declares all the claims of the law are satisfied. The law is not relaxed or set aside... but is declared to be fulfilled in the strictest sense... and so the person justified is declared to be entitled to all the advantages and rewards arising from perfect obedience to the law. **Rom 5:1-10**. It proceeds on the imputing, or crediting, to the believer by God Himself of the perfect righteousness, active and passive, of His Representative and Surety, Jesus Christ. **Rom 10:3-9**. Justification is not the forgiveness of a man without righteousness... but a declaration that he possesses righteousness which perfectly and forever satisfies the law... namely, Christ's righteousness. **2Cor 5:21** and **Rom 4:5-8**. The sole condition on which this righteousness is credited to the believer is faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Faith is called a condition... not because it possesses any merit... but because it is the only instrument by which a soul apprehends Christ and His righteousness.

PROPTIATION is that by which it becomes consistent with His character and government to pardon and bless the sinner... renders it consistent for God to exercise His love toward sinners... literally means to *make favorable*... specifically includes the idea of *dealing with God's wrath* against sinners.

Rom 3:25; Heb 2:17; 1John 2:2; 1John 4:10

EXPIATION means to *make holy... implies either removal or cleansing of sin*. Although we don't see this specific word in the Bible... we do see the word *Sanctification*... which is used in its place. A synonym would be holiness. You *propitiate a person; you expiate a problem*. Jesus did both.

1Cor 1:30; 1Cor 6:11; Heb 10:10-14; 1John 1:7

REPENTANCE simply means to *change your mind*. Most always used for sinners (not believers) to change their minds about God and turn to Him for salvation.

Does not mean wailing, crying, begging for forgiveness of sins, which has already been given thru Christ. For believers, repentance also means changing your mind about God... generally means believing how good He is.

Mark 1:4; Acts 3:19; Acts 20:21; Rom 2:42; 2Tim 2:25

CONFESSION means to *say the same thing as, not to refuse or deny*. A correct biblical definition of the confession of sins simply means to agree with God that Jesus has already paid the price for all our sins and to thank Him for that.

Rom 10:9-10; 1John 1:9