

## **THE TRANSFORMING DIFFERENCE JESUS MAKES!**

Romans 3:21-31; 4:1-5

### **I. THE DIFFERENCE JESUS MAKES WHEN HE IS SAVINGLY ENCOUNTERED:**

1. Mark 5:15-20 2. John 4:28-29, 39 3. Acts 2:42-47 4. 1 Cor. 6:9-11

[Acts 5:8-14 / Acts 8:13-23 / 1 Cor. 5:5-13 / 1 Cor. 11:27-32]

WHY ARE THESE THINGS SO? BECAUSE: Romans 1:16

Remember: Romans 1-3:20-- THE HUMAN RACE HAS A SIN PROBLEM:

This is why the world acts as they do! THE ONLY HOPE: Eph. 2:1-10

### **II. JESUS MAKES A DIFFERENCE BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF GOD'S SALVATION OF SINNERS**

ROMANS 3:21-26

1. VS 21☐

2. VS. 21-23☐

3. VS. 24-26☐

#### **4. Romans 4:1-5 God justifies wicked, UNGODLY people who trust in him.**

#### **TRUE OR FALSE STATEMENT:**

"It is in the Cross of Christ that we find the only means whereby a sinner is acquitted before Holy God!"

1. Before the judgment bar of God, NO ONE is acquitted...!

2. The whole human race is CONVICTED, GUILTY, and deserves only the just sentence of God's holy justice and wrath!

#### **THAT'S WHAT ROMANS 1-3:20 IS ALL ABOUT!**

**God does NOT acquit the guilt— He REDEEMS the wicked...!** ☐ Rom. 3:24-26

**III. In Romans 3:21-28 there are four images of God's 'DIFFERENCE MAKING' salvation: Propitiation, Redemption, Justification, and Reconciliation.**

**Don't forget, "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom 3:23).**

1. SIN IS – REBELLION; a willful rejection of God's Word and his standards.

2. SIN IS – a FAILURE to show proper reverence to God through godly behavior.
3. SIN IS – "MISSING the MARK" because we are not loving or obedient.
4. SIN IS – TRANSGRESSION, crossing over or going beyond a limit that God has set.
5. SIN IS – sin that results from IGNORANCE; this ignorance can be due to an unwillingness to be open to God's truth (Eph. 4:18)
6. SIN IS – DISOBEDIENCE that results from inattention.

### **What is Justification?**

"Justification is a declaration that **the believing sinner**, (whose ADVOCATE is Jesus Christ), **is considered just in God's sight, due to** the merits of the precious blood of Jesus Christ!"

As another has said, "... in justification **God does *gracious GRACE arithmetic***:"

#### **In redeeming sinners:**

1. God SUBTRACTS from us our sin;
2. Then He ADDS to us, in sin's place, the righteousness of Christ. `

### **GOD justifies the ungodly who believe on Him! (Rom 4:5)**

How can God treat unrighteous people as being righteous?

### **V. JESUS MAKES A DIFFERENCE BECAUSE OF the Source, Grounds, Means, and Effects of Justification**

1. **What is the source of justification?** (Rom 3:24). (Rom 8:33)  
(Rom 3:10).

God justifies by Christ's blood (Rom 5:9); (Rom 3:25); (Rom 3:24).

2. **Paul tells us we are "justified by faith"** (Rom 5:1; Rom 3:22).

And how gracious God is... in giving faith: Ephesians 2:8-10

The 'word pictures' of John 3:13-19, are rooted in Numbers 21:8,

TODAY THE LOST SINNER **who owns** his inbred poison of sin and **who looks** to Jesus for salvation— HE LIVES!

In order to be justified, we must receive what God, out of grace, has done for us by the blood of Christ. (John 1:10-13)

### **3. What are some of the DIFFERENCE MAKING Effects of Justification?**

A. When God justifies us, **God accepts us.** □ **Eph. 1:6**

B. A second effect of justification is **holiness**, or sanctification.

ROMANS 8

C. A third effect of justification is **CONFIDENCE** (Rom 8:33-34)

### **O GLORIOUS REDEMPTION!**

#### **MIRACULOUS JUSTIFICATION—**

(1) The source is God's amazing grace!

(2) The ground is Christ's precious blood!

(3) The means is the gift of faith;

**(4) The effects are acceptance, holiness, and confidence.**

JESUS REALLY DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

#### **RESPONSE:**

1. HAVE YOU SAVINGLY ENCOUNTERED JESUS CHRIST?

2. CHRISTIAN: Are you living daily from the FOUNDATION of your Justification?