

# GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

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Christ Fellowship Bible Church

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Romans 3:21-26 — "The Theology of the Crosswork of Christ!"

- ✓ Luther called this paragraph: "The chief point of the whole Bible" & again, he called it: "The heart of the Bible"
- ✓ Leon Morris, a NT scholar says that Romans 3:21-26 is possibly the most important single paragraph ever written.
- ✓ Because it answers the most important question: **How can God save you?**

**THESIS — The Good News of the Gospel. It's the Acropolis of the Faith:**

## I. RADICAL CORRUPTION (23)

Sin is: the glory of God not honored // the holiness of God not revered // the greatness of God not admired // the power of God not praised // the truth of God not sought // the wisdom of God not esteemed, // the beauty of God not treasured // the goodness of God not savored, // the faithfulness of God not trusted // the promises of God not believed, // the commandments of God not obeyed // the justice of God not respected, // the wrath of God not feared // the grace of God not cherished, // the presence of God not prized /// the person of God not loved.

(John Piper)

## II. GRACIOUS JUSTIFICATION! (24)

## III. PARTICULAR REDEMPTION (24b)

It's *particular*.  
It's *precious*.  
It's *perfect*.

#### IV. SUFFICIENT PROPITIATION (25)

The *wrath of God*.  
The *justice of God*.  
The *initiative of God*.

Upon a Life I have not lived,  
Upon a Death I did not die,  
Another's Life; Another's Death,  
I stake my whole eternity.  
Not on the tears which I have shed,  
Not on the sorrows I have known,  
Another's tears; Another's griefs,  
On these I rest, on these alone.  
— Horatius Bonar

#### V. DIVINE VINDICATION (25-26)

You must believe!  
what is **Faith**?

*All of Christ is accepted by the sincere convert; he loves not only the wages, but the work of Christ; not only the benefits, but the burden of Christ... The sound convert takes a whole Christ, and takes him for all intents and purposes, without exceptions, without limitations, without*

*reserve. He is willing to have Christ upon any terms; he is willing to have the dominion of Christ, as well as deliverance by Christ. (Joseph Alleine).*

### **SO WHAT FOR YOU & ME?**

- Celebration — Praise Jesus!
- Confession — Our sin crushed Jesus!
- Confirmation — He paid for our sin!
- Consolation — He loves us!

Jesus, be endless praise to thee,  
whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
for me a full atonement made,  
an everlasting ransom paid.

— von Zinzendorf

We must have the full message. . . 'deliver the whole counsel of God'. . . It starts with the Law. The Law of God . . . the demands of a righteous God, the wrath of God. That is the way to bring men and women to conviction; not by modifying the Truth.... We must confront them with the fact that they are men and that they are fallible men, that they are dying men, that they are sinful men, and that they will all have to stand before God at the Bar of Eternal Judgement....And then we must present to them the full-orbed doctrine of the Grace of God in Salvation in Jesus Christ. We must show that no man is saved 'by the deeds of the Law', by his own goodness or righteousness, or church membership or anything else, but solely, utterly, entirely by the free gift of God in Jesus Christ His Son. . . . We must preach the full-orbed doctrine leaving nothing out-conviction of sin, the reality of Judgement and Hell, free grace, justification, sanctification, glorification. (Martyn Lloyd Jones)

# **SONGS**

## **NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS**

What can wash away my sin?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace:  
nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
This is all my righteousness:  
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

**O precious is the flow  
that makes me white as snow;  
no other fount I know;  
nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

## THE POWER OF THE CROSS

Oh, to see the dawn  
Of the darkest day:  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men,  
Torn and beaten, then  
Nailed to a cross of wood.

**This, the pow'r of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us;  
Took the blame, bore the wrath—  
We stand forgiven at the cross.**

Oh, to see the pain  
Written on Your face,  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Ev'ry bitter thought,  
Ev'ry evil deed  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees;  
Now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two,  
Dead are raised to life;  
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

Oh, to see my name  
Written in the wounds,  
For through Your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death;  
Life is mine to live,  
Won through Your selfless love.

**This, the pow'r of the cross:  
Son of God—slain for us.  
What a love! What a cost!  
We stand forgiven at the cross.**

## HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss –  
The Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life –  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer;  
But this I know with all my heart –  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

# The Gospel Summarized

The gospel of Christ in general is this: It is the good tidings that God has revealed concerning Christ. More largely it is this: As all mankind was lost in Adam and became the children of wrath, put under the sentence of death, God, though He left His fallen angels and has reserved them in the chains of eternal darkness, yet He has thought upon the children of men and has provided a way of atonement to reconcile them to Himself again...Namely, the second person of the Trinity takes man's nature upon Himself, and becomes the Head of a second covenant, standing charged with sin. He answers for it by suffering what the law and divine justice required, and by making satisfaction by keeping the law perfectly, which satisfaction and righteousness He offers up to the Father as a sweet savor of rest for the souls that are given to Him...And now this mediation of Christ is, by the appointment of the Father, preached to all people, of whatever nation or rank, freely offering this atonement unto sinners for atonement, requiring them to believe in Him and, upon believing, promising not only a discharge of all their former sins, but that they shall not enter into condemnation, that none of their sins or unworthiness shall ever hinder the peace of God with them, but that they shall — through Him — be received into the number of those who shall have the image of God again to be renewed unto them, and they they shall be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

— Jeremiah Burroughs (puritan pastor)

## ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST

I once was lost in darkest night  
Yet thought I knew the way  
The sin that promised joy and life  
Had led me to the grave  
I had no hope that You would own  
A rebel to Your will  
And if You had not loved me first  
I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race  
Indifferent to the cost  
You looked upon my helpless state  
And led me to the cross  
And I beheld God's love displayed  
You suffered in my place  
You bore the wrath reserved for me  
Now all I know is grace

**Hallelujah! All I have is Christ**  
**Hallelujah! Jesus is my life**

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone  
And live so all might see  
The strength to follow Your commands  
Could never come from me  
O Father, use my ransomed life  
In any way You choose  
And let my song forever be  
My only boast is You

# CFBC Catechism

**Q. 34. What is meant by the Atonement?**

A. Christ's satisfying divine justice, by his sufferings and death, in the place of sinners.

**Q. 35. What is justification?**

A. It is God's forgiving sinners, and declaring them legally righteous *'in Christ'*.

**Q. 37. For whom did Christ obey and suffer?**

A. For those whom the Father had given him.

**Q. 39. What kind of death did Christ die?**

A. The painful and shameful death of the cross in the place of sinners

## JESUS PAID IT ALL

I hear the Savior say,  
"Thy strength indeed is small;  
Child of weakness, watch and pray,  
Find in Me thine all in all."

**Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.**

For nothing good have I  
Whereby Thy grace to claim,  
I'll wash my garments white  
In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.

And when before the throne  
I stand in Him complete,  
"Jesus died my soul to save!"  
My lips shall still repeat.

*O praise the One who paid my debt,  
And raised this life up from the dead!  
O praise the One who paid my debt,  
And raised this life up from the dead! (repeat)*

**Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.**