

Part 6 – June 29, 2010

## “Gospel Basics” (pt. 6)

### Remembering

- God’s work of saving us is called re\_\_\_\_\_ (Titus 3:15) and our response is called being \_\_\_\_\_ (John 3:3), which involves re\_\_\_\_\_ (turning from) and \_\_\_\_\_ (turning to; Acts 20:21). This work of God was prophesied in Ezekiel \_\_\_\_\_ as the work of God’s S\_\_\_\_\_.

### The Price is Paid

- What makes the Gospel such good news is knowing our status before God before He saved us.
- Our book deals with this on p. 113ff.                      **Romans 1:18-32**
- After showing that even God’s own people were guilty before Him, Paul then summarizes man’s condition in **Romans 3:10-20**. *It’s pretty clear, that before we were saved, all of us were in a lot of trouble!*
- The bottom line is that all of us stand as unjustified, as sinners guilty of rebellion and rejection of God’s sovereign rule over us *and God’s just punishment was His wrath.*
- But God is not only a God of justice, He is also a God of mercy and these two function together in the Gospel.
- In the middle of p. 115, we read the Good News of the Gospel: **Romans 3:21-26**
- We are justified as God’s gift to us—how? Through the redemption that comes in Christ.

- **Redemption** – a new word describing God’s saving work in Christ.
- “To purchase by paying a price.” We have been purchased from *death* (**Genesis 2:17**) because Jesus has paid the full price of God’s wrath for our sin (**John 19:30**).

*Jesus died our death so that we could receive His life.*

## The War is Over

- Our book defines and describes the result of our **redemption** in Christ at the top of **p. 119**.
  - *Being justified = being declared and seen by God as if we had never sinned.*
  - Being justified has two results: forgiveness of sin and imputation of **Righteousness**.

*In Christ we are forgiven of all our sin: **Colossians 2:13; 1 John 1:7***

*As a result of our being forgiven by God, He then imputes, reckons, gives to us the very **Righteousness** of His Son.*

- God declares us as having a **Right** standing before Him: we are justified.
  - Spiritually, God has given our sinful rags to Jesus and has given Jesus’ Righteous Robe to us (**Luke 15:22**).
  - This does not mean that God sees us as innocent but as **not guilty** (**Colossians 2:13-14**)

*He fully knows that we have sinned and continue to sin but He has decided that our guilt and punishment would be placed on His Son so that we could become His sons in His Son.*

- As a result, our war with God is finally over. Let’s read **p. 121**.