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**Summary Review**

* 1. The work of Christ paying for the sins (Blood of Christ) of all mankind (unlimited atonement) accomplished everything necessary for any unbeliever individual to be forgiven & transferred from the kingdom of darkness (into which we are born) to the kingdom of the beloved Son (into which we are born again).
  2. The blood of Christ not only cancelled out all the negative factors of the Barrier with His satisfactory sacrifice but has gained spiritual blessings that are credited to the new believer.
  3. The 10 Communion Factors are all given to us at the moment we believe the gospel of Jesus Christ, His death, burial and resurrection.
  4. Propitiation – the work of Christ on the cross was sufficient to satisfy the judicial needs of God so that He is able to wipe away our sins and transgressions, qualifying us to live forever.
* The work of Christ was sufficient for salvation – do not try to add your own to His
  1. Forgiveness – the blood of Christ paid the sin debt that we incurred and owed to God, enabling Him to release us from all of our spiritual debts.
  2. Redemption – Adam’s Original Sin (AOS) caused the human race to be born in the slave market of sin from which Christ has bought us out of, setting us free forever – paid the ransom.
  3. Cleansing – God cleanses us positionally from all of the effects of sin – part of Sanctification
  4. Sanctification – to be cleansed and set apart for God’s use – all believers are saints.

**Doctrine of Justification**

1. **Definition & Description:**

Hebrew**: *tsadeq –*** to be righteous in comparison to God’s righteousness; ***Job 25:4*** *"How then can a man be righteous before God? Or how can he be clean who is born of woman (born unrighteous)?* ***Psalm 143:2*** *And do not enter into judgment with Your servant, For in Your sight no man living is righteous.*

1. Job asks: how can man born unrighteous & behind the barrier be made righteous in presence of God?

Greek: ***dikaiosune*** – to be made righteous by being given the righteousness of Christ

***Rom 3:20*** *because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.* ***Gal 2:16*** *nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified.*

1. Can man who is born unrighteous make himself righteous by following a set of laws & rules?

***Rom 10:2-3*** *For I testify about them (Jews) that they have a zeal for God, but not in accordance with knowledge. 3 For not knowing about God's righteousness and seeking to establish their own (by keeping the Law), they did not submit themselves to the righteousness of God (by faith).*

1. The only way for a man born unrighteous to become righteous before God is for Him to impute (credit or deposit to one’s account) the righteousness of Christ to those who believe in Him.

***2 Cor 5:21*** *He made Him (Christ) who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf (on the cross), so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

1. God imputes His own righteousness to everyone who believes the gospel of Jesus Christ and that is the only way anyone will ever be acceptable to God’s righteousness.

***Rom 4:3*** *for what does the Scripture say? Abraham believed God, it was reckoned to him as righteousness."*

1. **God’s righteousness (+R) is the standard by which He evaluates the worthiness of all creatures to be acceptable to live with Him forever.**
2. The Mosaic Law revealed the +R of God & showed that -R man could not keep the law to be saved.

***Gal 3:24*** *Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith.*

1. All creatures who possess a +R equal to His are blessed while all who come short of His +R are cursed
2. +R God cannot bless –R creatures because He would choose an –R act & compromise himself
3. Therefore God’s plan was always to take the penalty of man’s -R upon Himself so that He could then credit His own +R to those who believe in Him.

***Rom 3:25-26*** *whom (Christ) God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; 26 for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be righteous and the one who makes righteous those who have faith in Jesus.*

* God remains righteous without compromising His integrity while also making believers righteous so that we are now acceptable to live with Him forever.

1. **Therefore, justification is an official judicial act which occurs every time anyone believes in Christ.**
2. The justice of God acts on our behalf pronouncing us justified (+R in Christ) qualifying us for a relationship with God forever, because we have the perfect righteousness of God imputed to us in Christ.
3. **While justification takes place at the moment we believe in Christ, there is a logical sequence to the act of God pronouncing us righteous in the courtroom of heaven.**
4. Personal faith in the death, burial & resurrection of Jesus Christ for salvation
5. The justice of God provides perfect righteousness to all who believe & are placed into union with Christ
6. God judicially pronounces us justified, officially, legally righteous in the courtroom of heaven
7. **All human categories of righteousness are excluded from the grace plan of God.**
8. Human good – good deeds that man performs apart from the ministry of the Holy Spirit and proper motives to serve & please God.

***Isaiah 64:6*** *For all of us have become like one who is unclean, And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment; And all of us wither like a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.*

1. Human good is often done to improve man’s living conditions & to alleviate human suffering
2. God often uses human suffering to motivate unbelievers to seek for Him and therefore the devil’s plan is to eliminate human suffering to remove the motivation to seek God.
3. **Justification provides peace with God and opens the door for reconciliation with Him.**

***Rom 5:1*** *Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,*

1. We were once God’s enemies but having been justified, we are now at peace with Him.

***Gal 1:3*** *Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ,*

1. **The resurrection of Christ provides evidence that what He accomplished on the cross was sufficient to appease the Justice of God on our behalf.**

***Rom 4:25*** *He who was delivered over because of our transgressions, & was raised because of our justification.*

***Rom 1:4*** *who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord*

**Doctrine of Reconciliation**

1. **Definition & Description: *katallasso*** - make a friend out of an enemy Ro 5:10; Ac 12:22, 1 Cor 7:11; one ceases to be angry with another and receives him into favor; God ceases to be offended, whose sins he pardons and grants his favor anew; to be restored to an eternal relationship with God,

**Rom. 5:10** *for if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.*

***2 Cor. 5:18-19*** *now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation 19 namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the logical message of reconciliation.*

1. All members of the human race are born in Adam, behind the barrier as enemies of God

***Eph 2:14****-****16*** *for He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, 15 by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, 16 and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.*

1. Having transferred us from the domain of darkness into the kingdom of the beloved Son, God reconnects the believer to Himself by placing us into union with Christ.

***Col 1:13*** *He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,*

1. **The propitious (satisfactory) payment for sins by Christ on the cross provided the means of our forgiveness, redemption, cleansing, sanctification, justification and reconciliation.** 
   * + - 1. The blood of Christ has accomplished all that is necessary to remove all that stood between sinful man and righteous God, to qualify us to be with God and bring about our reconciliation with Him.
2. **Reconciliation with God is the basis of our eternal judicial peace with God**

***Col 1:20*** *and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.*

***Eph 2:14*** *For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one, and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall,*

1. Peace with God – result of reconciliation
2. Peace of God – result of Holy Spirit’s ministry

***Rom 5:1*** *therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,*

1. Notice that the concept of peace with God (positional & judicial) is equated to reconciliation
2. **The mechanics of reconciliation**
3. Penalty of sin is removed – Col 2:14, 1Jn 2:2
4. Spiritual death is made into spiritual life – Tit 3:5
5. Unrighteousness is made into righteousness – Rom 4:1-5
6. Position in Adam changed to union with Christ – 1Cor 12:13, 1Cor 15:22. 2Cor 5:17
7. At the moment of salvation every new believer is reconciled to God, appointed as an Ambassador of God and assigned the essential Ministry of Reconciliation.

***2 Cor. 5:18-20*** *now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation 19 namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the logical message of reconciliation.* ***20*** *Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.*

An ambassador does not appoint himself. He is appointed by the nation he represents, the king he represents, the person he represents.

* As ambassadors we are appointed by God the Father because God the Father was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself.

An ambassador doesn’t support himself – The nation or person he/she represents provides the daily provisions to accomplish the mission – Logistical Grace

An ambassador does not represent himself – Represent Christ with message of reconciliation

* At salvation we become citizens of heaven but are left in the world to represent Christ

An Ambassador doesn’t belong to the country to which he is sent – 2Tim 2:3-4

***2 Tim 2:3-4*** *Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.* ***4*** *No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.*

* We are born into the world, make our love attachments in the world and we are tempted to seek our happiness through the earthly things of this life.
* As Ambassadors who are citizens of heaven, who have been left in the foreign nation of the world to represent the Lord with His message: Be reconciled to God.

**Peace with God**

Christ, having provided an acceptable sacrifice to propitiate the righteousness of God, freed God’s love to righteously bless all who believe in Christ as their savior. He forgives us, redeems us, cleanses us, sanctifies us & reconciles us to Himself. Having wiped away the effects of sin and placed us into union with Christ, we now are at peace with God.

Peace with God – changed status from being enemies of God to being reconciled with Him

Peace from God – inner peace produced by the Holy Spirit using the word of God to comfort us

Peace with Self – acceptance of your selfishness but forgiven by grace, given new identity in Christ

Peace with others – living peacefully with others in spite of inevitable human conflicts

1. **Peace with God –** having been justified and reconciled to God, we are no longer His enemies.

***Rom 5:1*** *Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,*

***Rom 5:10-11*** *for if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.* ***11*** *And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.*

***Col 1:19-22*** *For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, 20 and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven. 21 And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, 22 yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach*

***Rom 1:7*** *to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called as saints: Grace to you and peace with God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

***1 Cor 1:3*** *Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

1. We were born unrighteous, behind the barrier as God’s enemies but having been justified (pronounced righteous) and reconciled, we are no longer His enemies but His beloved children.
2. To be declared God’s enemy is a legal status of hostility and alienation from God’s righteousness
3. Peace with God is the result of the blood of Christ resolving all of the judicial barriers between sinful man and the essence of God.
4. The moment that anyone trusts in Christ as their savior, all of the benefits gained through the blood of Christ are credited to their account, giving them peace with God.
5. **Peace from God** – the inner peace in the soul of a believer produced by the Holy Spirit as He reveals the practical reality of the message of God’s word

***Rom 14:17*** *the kingdom of God is not eating & drinking, but righteousness & peace and joy in the Holy Spirit*

***Rom 15:13*** *now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

***Gal 5:22*** *but the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness*

***John 8:32*** *and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."*

1. All of us are tempted to choose mental sins of anger, bitterness, fear & worry as we are confronted by the difficult circumstances of the devil’s world.
2. As we embrace God’s promises & realize that He has resolved all of our problems, made provision for all of our needs and guaranteed our eternal destiny, we are able to reject mental sins & experience inner peace.
3. Inner peace is the result of trusting God’s promises as we walk in the Spirit.
4. **Peace with Self** – Relaxed Mental Attitude toward yourself based on the promises of God grace while acknowledging your sins, failures and helplessness to deal victoriously with your life

***Phil 4:6-9*** *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. 9 The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.*

***Col 3:12-15*** *So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. 14 Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. 15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.*

1. Associated with inner peace produced by the Holy Spirit, peace with self is the result of fully applying the truth of God’s grace and forgiveness to your own sins and failures.
2. As the believer realizes the impact of his union with Christ that has changed his/her identity in the eyes of God, we are able to agree with God by assigning the same values to ourselves that He assigns to Christ
3. When God looks at you as a believer, He no longer sees you in your humanity with your successes and failures in the eyes of the world, He sees you the same way He sees His Son Jesus Christ.

* God-Father views all believers in Christ as Christ – you have a totally new identity in Him

1. **Peace with one another** – Our permanent, judicial peace with God along with His promises revealed by the Holy Spirit allowing us to be at peace with our circumstances and ourselves, enables us to be at peace with those around us, even our enemies.

***2 Corinthians 13:11*** *Finally, brethren, rejoice, be made complete, be comforted, be like-minded, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.*

***Eph 2:11-19*** *Therefore remember, that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called "Uncircumcision " by the so-called "Circumcision," which is performed in the flesh by human hands-- 12 remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one, and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, 15 by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, 16 and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity. 17 And He came and preached peace to you who were far away, and peace to those who were near; 18 for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father. 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household,*

***1 Thes 5:12-13*** *But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction,* ***13*** *and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another.*

1. As we grow spiritually into a mature status we are able to lay aside selfish ambition and competitiveness with other believers so that we can love others like Christ loves us.
2. Phil 2:1-5 – like Christ, consider the needs of others more important than your own so that you can live in peace with those around you in spite of their abuse toward you.