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THE CROSS REVEALS THE HOLINESS, RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUSTICE OF GOD

(Romans 3:23-26)

“This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

There is no difference,

[23] for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

[24] and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

[25] God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished

[26] he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.”

(Isaiah 59:2)

“But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.”

(Isaiah 53:6, 10)

“We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD make his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.”

- God cannot accept us into fellowship because of the sin in our lives
- God cannot accept us into fellowship unless the penalty of our sin is paid
- God cannot accept us into fellowship unless His wrath against sin has been appeased

THE CROSS REVEALS THE WISDOM OF GOD

(1CO 1:18-19)

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."

(Isaiah 55: 8)

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD

- God's message is seen to be foolish
- God's power is often not recognized
- God's blessings are to those who receive and believe His Word

THE CROSS REVEALS WILL OF GOD FOR US

(Galatians 2:20-21)

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!"

(John 16:7)

"But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you."

(Isaiah 61:1- 2 cf. Luke 4:18)

"The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.

He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God to comfort all who mourn"

- I die to self
- I am strengthened through Christ who lives in me by His Spirit
- I live for Him

CONCLUSION

(Hebrews 12:1-2)

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

[2] Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

- Prioritize your activities
- Persevere in your faith
- Praise Him with all your being