

Justified, Delivered, And Reconciled – Romans 5:6-11

Bible Study ~ 7/6/16

Grace Church of Lockeford

1. Justified By His Blood vv. 6-9a

READ verses!

2. Saved From Wrath vv. 9-10

V. 9

Much more than – *great, many, much. To a great degree or extent.* More than just dying for us, Christ lives for us! We have more than peace with God, more than access, more than maturity, more even than justification. We are justified by His blood in the present, “now”. We are saved from wrath in the future. This is referring to a specific outpouring of the Wrath of God. When will that take place? Tribulation. So we will not face any outpouring of God’s wrath, but specifically the outpouring of God’s wrath at the tribulation. Paul says we are saved from it. Saved – σωζω *sōzō save; deliver. to be saved (state) — to be or become delivered or rescued from sin (and consequential judgment).* This word speaks of deliverance. We are delivered from God’s wrath. Again, this is future tense. This is something that is going to take place. Notice who does the delivering. Through Him. We are not delivered from wrath by our own merit. By the Word, Church attendance, giving, or anything else. We are saved from wrath by the One whose blood was shed for the forgiveness of our sins! We will never face God’s wrath!

V. 10

What we want to focus on in this passage is the method of our deliverance from wrath. V. 9 stated we were delivered from wrath through Christ. But how? Through His death and resurrection! Paul states in 1Cor. 15 that apart from the resurrection we are miserable. This is one of the reasons for that statement. We are reconciled by the death of Christ and we will talk more about that in a minute. But we are saved, delivered by His life. Again it states that we “shall be saved” this mirrors the end of verse 9. This is not referring to salvation from the penalty of sin, that happens the moment we believe. Nor is it speaking of salvation from the power of sin, that is a process we are enduring from salvation to glorification. This is speaking of a future deliverance. This is referencing salvation from the wrath of God that will be poured out in the future. It is the life of Christ, the resurrection, that delivers us from this. Christ defeated death. He broke its power over all who believe in Him. Because of that reality we are no longer under its sway!

If – 1st class condition. “If and it is” + because that is true this must also be true. Because we were reconciled as enemies, we shall be saved by His life. Paul is amplifying why his “much more than” statement in v. 9 is a reality. We are more than justified, more than reconciled, we are delivered from ever having to face the wrath of God! We can alter this interpretatively to say SINCE we have been reconciled through Christ’s death, we are saved by His life. This in turn is a “much more than” statement. God the Father accepted the sacrifice of Christ and demonstrated that acceptance through the resurrection. This resurrection secures for us deliverance from wrath because that wrath has already been satisfied. Christ did more than die for us, He justified us. More than that, He delivered us from wrath. More than that, He has reconciled us! Paul stacks these actions up to build us a tower of overwhelming blessing! God did not accomplish a portion of our salvation and leave the rest up to us! He has done all of this! **In God’s perfect plan, it wasn’t enough to justify believers, it wasn’t enough even to deliver them from wrath! We are also...**

3. Reconciled Through The Death Of Christ vv. 10-11

Now we want to focus on the reconciliation.

V. 10

3 Very important things here.

1 – Our Condition When Reconciled

Enemies – *a person who hates another and wishes him injury*. This is what we were to God when He reconciled us to Himself through the death of His son! We were enemies. We hated God and wished for His injury! And yet He reconciled us! That brings us to the second important thing.

2 – The Manner Of Our Reconciliation

Reconciled – *to be or become restored to favorable or friendly relations with another after a presumed wrong*. There was no presumed wrong. We were His enemies. Yet when we trust in Christ, we are reconciled. This is passive which means that we do not do the reconciling. We do nothing to be reconciled to God. Christ already did it all! We simply trust in what He has done! This is really important. All of the blessing listed here are passive. They do not require our assistance to make them a reality! God does them! We are reconciled **to God through** the death of Christ. 3rd important thing is...

3 – The Timing Of Our Reconciliation

Were reconciled, having been reconciled. This is not something we are waiting for in the future! This is a past even that has present results. Where the deliverance from wrath is future, this is past. We who believe in Christ have already been reconciled to God!

V. 11

Love how this starts. Not only that. It's like God couldn't contain Himself! Much more than dying for sinners, He justifies them. Much more than justifying them, He delivers them from wrath. Much more than delivering them from wrath, He reconciles His enemies to Himself! And not only that! Not only all of these things! No! That's not enough for our God! He gives to us rejoicing through our Lord Jesus Christ who reconciled us! We are justified, delivered, reconciled, and rejoicing!

Rejoice – *boast, exult. To display or proclaim publicly (and ostentatiously) a satisfied contentment with one's own or another's achievements*. This is what the result of justification, deliverance, and reconciliation should be! An exultation and public, ostentatious declaration of our satisfied contentment with God's achievements! He justifies! I do not justify myself. He saves from wrath! I do not deliver myself. He reconciles me to Himself through Jesus Christ! I do not reconcile myself. All I do is trust in Christ and rejoice in what God has done! HALLELUJAH! What a savior!

Notice that our rejoicing is in God through Jesus Christ! We have received reconciliation. We didn't earn it, it was given. And this gift of a right relationship and standing before God was purchased for us by the blood of Christ. What is there not to rejoice in?!

CHALLENGE: Rejoice in the justification, deliverance, and reconciliation of God through Jesus Christ!