

VINTAGE JESUS

(The Jesus Most People Miss)

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community church



Sermon Notes

“Why Did He Die?” Romans 3:21-28

The Bible is not so much a set of disconnected stories giving us life lessons on what we must DO to be right with God, but it is a single story of what God has DONE through His Son to make us right with Him. At the heart of that story is the death of His Son.

Why Did Jesus Die? So that we could be justified by grace through faith in Him! If you have this, it's the end of your struggle for validation, worth, and acceptability.

Why Do We Need To Be Justified?

v21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law... v22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe... v23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

- Righteousness: it's a performance confirming resume that gives you all the acceptance, security & significance you long for.
- Because that's how most of life works we tend to believe it is the same with God but nothing could be further from the truth. Eph2:8-9; Rom6:23
- BUT NOW God offers to us a gift of all the acceptance, security and significance we'll ever want or need.
- Everyone is trying to find a way to be righteous (Justified)!

What Does It Mean To Be Justified?

v24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus...

- It's infinitely more than forgiveness of sins (pardon).
- It's an immediate status change giving you all the rights, privileges and benefits that come with that new status. (2Cor5:17; Gal2:20; 2Pet1:3)

Forgiveness says, “You may go. I'm not going to punish you.”
Justification says, “You may come. You are welcome to all my love and presence.”

- When you put your faith in Jesus, you are united with Him and everything that He has ever done & deserves becomes yours and everything you have ever done & deserve has become His. 2Cor5:21; Mark1:11; Rom4:5, 5:8

How Do We Receive Justification?

v26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

- The wonder of the cross is that it satisfies both the justice of God (that aspect of his nature that demands the punishment of sin) and the love of God (that aspect of his nature that seeks our justification).

vv27-28 Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

- I must repent of my false righteousness (justification) and transfer my trust from that to what Jesus has done for me. Gal6:14

Growing Notes

- 1) Whether you are a Christian or an atheist everyone needs to know that their life matters, has meaning and is worth something. Explain. How do most people try to validate their existence?
- 2) Read Romans 3:21-28. Why do we need to be justified (v23)? What does it mean that “all have fallen short of the glory of God” (Rom1:25)? How is the Gospel different from the way that life works when it comes to a performance confirming resume (vv21-22)? How is v23 the universal need and v24 the all-sufficient remedy for that need?
- 3) How is being justified more than forgiveness of sins (2Cor5:17; Gal2:20; 2Pet1:3)? How does Jesus give us His performance confirming resume providing us with all the acceptance, security and significance we'll ever need (2Cor5:21; Mark1:15)?
- 4) How does the Cross satisfy both the justice and love of God (v26)? How is the Gospel an end of our struggle for validation, worth, and acceptability? How do we receive justification (Eph2:8-9; Rom6:23, 10:9-10)? Pray.