



BASIC BIBLE DOCTRINE

LESSON # 7

“WHAT HAPPENED TO ME THE MOMENT I WAS SAVED?”

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WHAT HAPPENED TO ME THE MOMENT I WAS SAVED?

I. I BECAME A CHILD OF GOD

(John 1:12; 1 John 3:1-2).

A. In 1 John 3:10 we learn that there are two groups of people: (1) children of _____ and (2) children of _____. Read 1 John 3:12 and Genesis 4:1-8. Would you say that Cain was a child of God or a child of Satan? _____

In John chapter 8 we read about the conversation between Jesus and the **Pharisees** (the religious leaders of the Jews). What did these men seek to do to Christ (verse 37)?

_____ Who did these men think their Father was (verse 41)?

_____ If a person hates Christ, is God really his Father (verse 42)? _____ Who did Jesus say their father really was (verse 44)? _____

_____ Did the Pharisees believe the words of truth that Christ spoke (verse 45)? _____

_____ If a person does not hear and believe God's Word, is he really a child of God (verse 47)? _____

_____ Why didn't the Pharisees hear and believe God's Word (verse 47)? _____

_____ Were the Pharisees pleased with the things Christ was telling them (verse 59)? _____

_____ Were they able to kill Christ? _____

B. According to Ephesians 2:1-3, did we become children of God by physical birth? _____ How can a person become a child of God (John 1:12)?

_____ Therefore, to become a child of God you must be born again (John 1:13 and John 3:1-7). When a person is saved he immediately becomes a member of God's family. He then enjoys a relationship to God that he never had before and he is able to cry out, "ABBA, _____" (see Romans 8:15-16 and Galatians 4:6).

C. According to Ephesians 6:1 and Colossians 3:20, what is the one responsibility that children have to their parents? _____

_____ As children of God, what is our one responsibility to our Heavenly Father? _____

_____ Therefore, we should walk as _____ children (see 1 Peter 1:14).

In Ephesians 5:1 we learn that we should be _____ (imitators) of God, as dear (beloved) _____. Children often follow the example of their parents. They look like their parents. Often they act like their parents and imitate them in many ways.

As believers in Christ, we need to imitate our Heavenly Father which means we need to be like Him:

1 Peter 1:15-16. Just as He is holy, so should we be _____.

Luke 6:36. Just as He is merciful, so should we be _____.

Matthew 5:48. Just as He is perfect, so should we be _____.

Ephesians 4:32. Just as He is forgiving, so should we be _____.

1 John 3:3. Just as He is pure, so should we be _____.

Read 1 Peter 2:2 and 2 Peter 3:18. What does God want His children to be doing? _____

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II. I WAS JUSTIFIED

(Romans 3:24; 1 Corinthians 6:11)

A. In God's eyes, how many righteous men are there (Romans 3:10)? _____ Who is the only Righteous One (1 John 2:1 and 1 Peter 3:18)? _____ With this in mind, who do you think is God's righteous servant in Isaiah 53:11? _____ Who suffered for unrighteous men and women (Isaiah 53:11 and 1 Peter 3:18)? _____

B. Read 1 Corinthians 6:9-11. In this passage, what two verses describe the way some of the Corinthian believers lived before they were saved? _____ What verse describes what God did for them the moment they were saved? _____ Not only were they washed and sanctified, but they were _____ in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of God. **The word "justify" means "to declare or to consider righteous."**

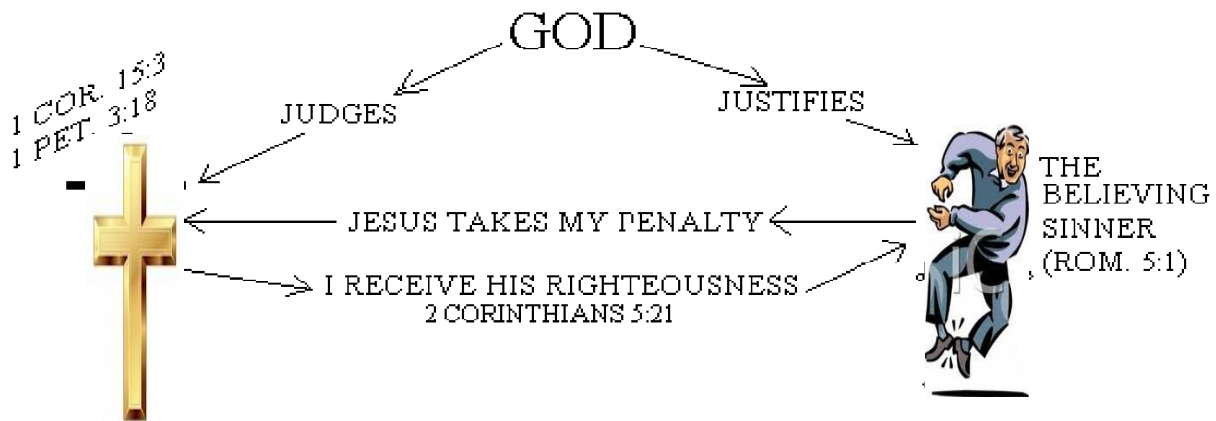
According to Romans 4:5, what kind of people is God able to justify? _____ Is God able to justify a wicked publican or tax collector (Luke 18:13-14)? _____ Is God able to justify unrighteous men and women (1 Corinthians 6:9-11)? _____

In Romans 5:1 we learn that as justified believers we have P _____ W _____ G _____. That is, we are no longer God's enemies! According to Romans 5:10, what were we before we were saved? _____

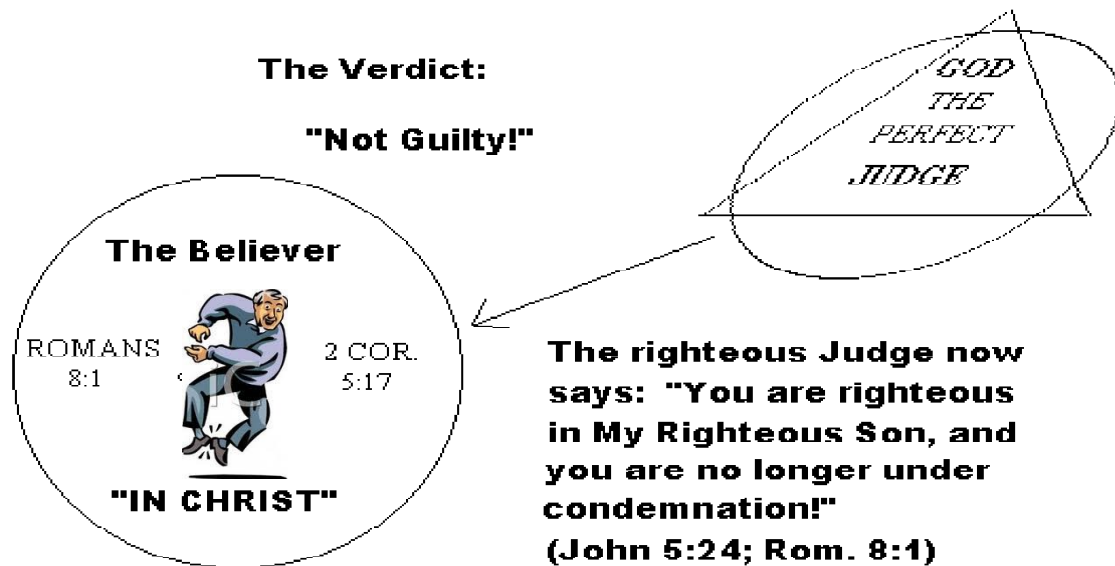
Although we are not righteous in ourselves, when a person believes on the Lord Jesus Christ, God sees him as righteous IN CHRIST! We are righteous because we are *IN* God's righteous Son! 1 Corinthians 1:30---"But of him are ye _____ Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and _____ and sanctification and redemption." Because God sees us in His Son we are righteous! 2 Corinthians 5:21: "For He (God) hath made Him (Christ) to be sin for _____, Who (Christ) knew no _____, that (in order that) we might be made the _____ of God _____."

God reckons (counts, considers) the righteousness of Christ as belonging to the believing sinner.

Thus we read in Romans 4:3--- "Abraham _____ God, and it was _____ unto him for _____. "What does the word "it" refer to in verse 3 (see verse 5)? _____.



C. Read Romans 5:9. If Christ had not died on the cross, do you think it would have been possible for you to be justified? _____ But because Christ did die for us (Romans 5:6-11), God is free to be gracious to us and to put on our account the very righteousness of Christ. **We are no longer guilty, condemned sinners because we are now IN CHRIST:**



Because God in His grace has justified me and declared me righteous, what kind of life should I now live? (read Titus 2:11-14 and circle the correct answer):

1. It doesn't really matter how I live because God, sees me as righteous in Christ.
2. Now that God has declared me righteous I want to live a righteous life--living right, acting right, thinking right and speaking right!
3. Now that I am justified I should live the same way I lived before I was saved.

Match the following:

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| 1. _____ This is what the natural man would say (compare 1 Cor. 2:14). | A. "I will never forget what Christ has done for me on the cross and I want to live a righteous life day by day so that I might please the God who saved me." |
| 2. _____ This is what the saved man would say | B. It really doesn't matter how a believer lives or acts because God has forgiven all his sins and has declared Him to be righteous in Christ." |

D. 1 John 2:29 says, "If ye know that He (Christ) is righteous (read 1 John 2:1), ye know that everyone that does (practices) _____ is born of Him." Therefore, if a person is truly born-again, should he live a righteous or an unrighteous life? _____ 1 John 3:7 says, Little children, let no man deceive you: he that _____ righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

(That is, this is an outward evidence for man to see (testimony) that he has truly been declared righteous even as He (Jesus) is righteous." God sees the believer just as righteous as His Son!

E. Note: Only God can see the heart and only God is the ultimate Judge of who is saved. Man sees the outward (testimony) of an individual. (**James 2:24** "**Ye (people)** see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only." Remember: God sees and knows the heart. Man does not know the heart. Man only sees the outward actions of an individual.

Saved people do not always live as righteously as they should and they do still struggle with sin, but they do have a new life that is different from the life they once lived when they were unsaved (1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

F. In Romans 6:13 the believer is commanded to yield (to present) his bodily members as instruments of _____ unto God. Therefore, should we be careful what our hands do? _____ Should we be careful how we use our tongue (see Ephesians 4:29)? _____ Should we be careful what we let our eyes see (filthy books, magazines, many if not most television shows, movies, internet, and etc.)? _____ Read Romans 6:16-18. We were once the servants of _____ (verse 17) but when we obey the Word of God we become the servants of _____ (v.18).

Would you rather be a servant of sin or a servant of righteousness? _____

In 1 Timothy 6:11 and 2 Timothy 2:22, what is the first thing that Paul tells Timothy to follow after? _____
Read 1 Peter 2:24. Because of what Christ did for us on the cross, how should we now live as believers? _____

Read 2 Timothy 3:16. Where can we go to find *instruction* for living a righteous life that is well-pleasing to Christ? _____

Read Matthew 5:10-12 and 1 Peter 3:14. As we live a righteous life, what kind of treatment should we expect to receive from others? _____ Read John 15:18.

When the righteous Christ came to this earth, did the world love Him? _____ Read John 15:19-21. If we belong to Christ will the world treat us the same way they treated Him? _____ According to 1 John 3:13, should we be surprised if the unsaved world does not love us? _____

Review question: The word "JUSTIFY" means _____

Note: Justification does not mean that God MAKES a sinner righteous. If this were true then we would never sin again. A justified person is still a sinner (a sinner saved by grace). **God sees the saved person perfectly righteous in Christ.**

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FOR MORE ABOUT "WHAT HAPPENED TO ME THE MOMENT I WAS SAVED?"

See the following:

1) **1 John 1:7 - SINS GONE**

2) **John 1:12 - IN GOD'S FAMILY**

3) **Galatians 2:20 - CHRIST IN YOU**

4) **LIFE:**

(a) **New** - 2 Corinthians 5:17

(b) **Abundant** - John 10:10

(c) **Eternal** - 1 John 5:11-13

(d) **Name in the Book of Life** - Revelation 3:5

5) **John 10:28 - SALVATION IS FOREVER!**

HOW IS A PERSON SAVED?

A person is saved by taking God at His Word, by believing that Jesus is the Son of God, that Jesus is God, that Jesus died on the cross for all. The word all includes everyone, and all includes you. If you have never trusted Jesus to save you, why not ask Jesus to save you now?

Ask Him: *“Lord, I believe you died for me and I now receive you as my Savior”.*

If you ask Jesus to save you, you will have eternal life as **I John 5:12** says: *“He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.”*

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