

# Module 1, Week 7

## *Justification & Adoption*

### Monday:

**Core Truth from Sunday:** Jesus didn't come to make bad people good. He came to make dead people live.

### Notes:

- 1.) We are all \_\_\_\_\_ in need of a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2.) Redemption means to \_\_\_\_\_ someone from \_\_\_\_\_?
- 3.) "God made him who had no \_\_\_ to be \_\_\_ for us, so that in him we might become the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_." 2 Cor. 5:21
- 4.) Everyone who \_\_\_\_\_ is a \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5.) A \_\_\_\_\_ has no \_\_\_\_\_ place.
- 6.) But a \_\_\_\_\_ belongs \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7.) If the Son sets you \_\_\_\_\_ you are \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8.) Without the shedding of \_\_\_\_\_ there is no \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9.) "For even the Son of Man did not come to be \_\_\_\_\_, but to serve, and to give his \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_ for many." (Mark 10:45)
- 10.) "It is for \_\_\_\_\_ that Christ has set us \_\_\_\_\_. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of \_\_\_\_\_." (Gal 5:1)

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## **Application:**

### **What is it we need to do?**

- Jesus didn't come to make bad people good. He came to make dead people live.
  - What have you been set free from that you still live like you're enslaved to?  
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  - Are you living like God made you good or like he brought you back from the dead?  
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  - \_\_\_\_\_

### **Prayer Focus:**

- Pray this prayer: "Heavenly Father, help me to apply these truths to my life this week. Help me to not just know this truth, but to apply it to my life so that you may transform me for your Kingdom purposes."

## **Tuesday:**

An ancient tenet of our judicial system is this idea of being innocent until proven guilty. I did a little research to try to understand it, and it turns out that it comes from Roman Law. So the practice is quite old.

We know the phrase well because we use it every time we see someone being accused of something. If we think they might be innocent, we will throw in that argument, innocent until proven guilty. It never works that way.

Especially with the speed at which information travels today, most people are declared guilty by social media and then news outlets. And this is done long before they are proven guilty. It can make for some difficult situations for a jury to try to judge indiscriminately.

When it comes to our standing with God, the opposite is true. From very early on in our lives, if there is one word that can encapsulate us all, it is this word: sinner. We know we mess up on a daily basis. We know when we don't tell the truth or when we steal. We know when we are worshipping something more than God. We know when we think we are smarter than God.

Unless you have been able to deceive yourself, you know that you are guilty. Here's the thing, even if you don't think you're guilty, God knows you're guilty. And that's where it gets amazing.

God knew you were guilty of sin. And He still sent His son to die in your place. Even while you and I were sinners. That's pretty amazing. But it gets better.

When we put our faith in the work Jesus did for us on the cross in redemption, then we receive this gift of innocence. EVEN THOUGH WE'VE BEEN PROVEN GUILTY!!! Isn't that amazing?

Pray these prayers:

- "Heavenly Father, help me to continue to apply the truths I learned last week to my life this week. Help me to not just know this truth, but to apply it to my life so that you may transform me for your Kingdom purposes..."
- "...Through the power of your Spirit, prepare me to be able to apply the truth I am learning this week..."

## Wednesday:

### Memory Verse:

- Romans 5:18-19
  - "18 Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. 19 For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous."

Read the verse out-loud 5 times then, write the verse on a card to help you memorize the verse. Take some time to review your cards from previous weeks.

## Prayer Focus

- "Heavenly Father, help me to continue to apply the truths I learned last week to my life this week. Help me to not just know this truth, but to apply it to my life so that you may transform me for your Kingdom purposes..."
- Pray through the verse. Simply read the verse with an attitude of worship:
  - "18 Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. 19 For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous."
  - I know that I am guilty of committing sins. And, just like Adam and every other person to ever live, I deserve to be punished for my sins. And yet, I am amazed that through the righteous act of your son Jesus, dying on the cross, I can be made righteous. Thank you for your grace!

## Thursday:

Study the passage in context from Wednesday.

- The context of this passage is the whole chapter (Romans 5).
- Hebrews 9

- Galatians (Yes, read it again!)

*When studying sections of scripture, here are four questions that are helpful to ask:*

What is the context of this passage? (What was going on in the chapter(s) leading up to this passage?)

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What does this passage say?

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What is the timeless truth that is being stated?

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How do I apply this truth to my life?

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## **Prayer focus**

- “Heavenly Father, help me to continue to apply the truths I learned last week to my life this week. Help me to not just know this truth, but to apply it to my life so that you may transform me for your Kingdom purposes...”
- “...as I seek to understand more of your written word, would you open my mind to your truth. Teach me to understand your ways and give me strength to live in them...”

## **Friday:**

(Read Romans 3)

21 But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. 22 This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, 23 for all have

sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. 25 God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— 26 he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

27 Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. 28 For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law. 29 Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles too? Yes, of Gentiles too, 30 since there is only one God, who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith. 31 Do we, then, nullify the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law.

We are all justified freely by His grace. Not by our works, so that none of us can boast. We cannot earn our innocence. There is no amount of good that can overcome the bad we have done. It is not a scale that we are trying to tip in our favor. We are guilty.

But, even in our guilt, we have been declared innocent of our sins: past, present and future. Does that mean we can do whatever we want, because we are covered by grace? No. (Romans 6:1-2) When we were redeemed, we died to sin. We put our faith in the saving work of Jesus Christ and he set us free from the bondage of sin. He became sin so that we might become his righteousness.

We don't keep sinning. We died to that. And that's what we need to tell ourselves when we find ourselves slipping back into our slavery. "I'm dead to that." "I have been redeemed, set free from the bondage of that sin, and now my life is found in Christ." "I'm dead to what I was, and alive in Christ." "I'm dead to that."

#### **Prayer focus:**

- "Heavenly Father, as we continue to think about what we learned last week, help me to not be satisfied with knowing the facts. Give me a deep desire to live out with my actions what I know with my intentions..."
- Ask God to remind you of things He has done in your life this week so that you can share them with some of us on Sunday.
- **Pray and expect God to create opportunities for you to invest in your relationship with one of your 8 to 15 and then invite them to church on Sunday or for the coming Christmas Series.**

**Saturday:** Rest