**SERMON NOTES**

**Grace Abounding**

**A Sermon Series through the Book of Galatians**

“Come Every Soul by Sin Oppressed”

**Galatians 2: 15-21**

**Repentance of sin and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ is only means to make us right, forgiven, and accepted by God.**

**The Christian never graduates from the basic tenets of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The journey of faith is one that requires us to come repeatedly back to its truths.**

**One of the truths of the gospel for us here in this passage is the doctrine of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Our church’s statement of faith defines justification as *God’s gracious and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ acquittal upon principles of His righteousness of all sinners who repent and believer in Christ. Justification brings the believer unto a relationship of peace and favor with God.***

 **Justification is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gracious and full acquittal upon principles of HIS righteousness.**

**The justification of a sinner is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, only, and fully the work of God that comes by faith in Jesus.**

**Justification is God’s immediate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to our repentance of sin and trust in Him to be saved (v16).**

**To be justified means that a sinner is fully \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the basis of God’s righteousness.**

**When a person is acquitted, it means that they have been freed from a criminal charge by a declaration of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Justification is then a legal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by God whereby He declares a sinner to be no longer guilty of their sin but actually innocent in His eyes based on their faith in Jesus.**

**The believer in Jesus is declared righteous not because of any work or action they do but rather because of God’s giving to them (imputing / accrediting) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ own righteousness and obedience and in turn placing the punishment of their sinfulness and disobedience on Him.**

**Justification is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gift from God because our sin demands that a penalty to be paid.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ died because His bearing of our sin fully and completely through HIs taking of the wrath of God for sin – though He was innocent - was the only way for sinners to be declared righteous (v21).**

**We are justified by God’s grace alone through faith in Jesus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Paul tells us here in this text that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ needs God’s justification v15-16).**

**Proximity to God does not equal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with God.**

**Our ability to keep the rules has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and will continue to fall short. Our ability to deliver ourselves from our own sin by attempted escapes through false worship to whatever ‘gods’ or ‘idols’ are in our lives today has fallen short. This is why we need the justification that comes through faith in Jesus Christ.**

**God’s justification is deeply \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It has me in mind (v20).**

**The justification of God by faith in Jesus is for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

***At the end of life, we will all stand before the judgement of God and those of us who have been justified by their faith in Christ will enter into our eternal reward. But those who have rejected this offer will be cast away into Hell- a place of eternal torment and eternal judgement; a place where the wrath that sins deserve will be born, forever.***

***The free offer of grace is justification to you this day. Won’t you turn from your sin? Won’t you be justified? Won’t you respond to Him in faith and repentance and so be declared right before God?***

Blanks: faith; gospel; justification; full; God’s; always; response; acquitted; not guilty; judgement; Jesus’s; costly; Jesus; alone; every person; intimacy; fallen short; personal; me;

Congregational Scripture Reading – Psalm 24: 1-5

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

 He will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation.