

(23) "Saved through His Life": The Third Benefit of Justification (5:9-11)

# Romans: The Outwork of the Righteousness of God

# Jesus in the Passion Week

- Passion Week = Sun-Sat, Nisan 10-16, (Gregorian March 27 –April 2, Julian March 29 – April 4), A.D. 33.
- Palm Sunday: Triumphal Entry with Symbolisms:
  - Revealing Him as the Prophesied Messiah (Zech 9:9).
    - The Prince of Peace Will Ride a Colt, Rather Than Mule (2 Sam 13:29; 18:9; 1 King 1:33, 38, 44).
  - Revealing Him as the Son of David, the King of the Jews (Matt 9:27; 12:23).
    - David Was Anointed as the King of Judah on a Sunday (Tishri 1, 1010 B.C.) (2 Sam 2:4).
  - Revealing Him as the Lamb of God (John 1:29, 36).
    - The Passover Lamb Is Chosen on Nisan 10 ( Exod 12:3), 4 Days before the Passover Eve (Nisan 14).
    - In A.D.33, Nisan 10 Was on the Palm Sunday.

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- Mon-Wed: Debated the Jews in the Temple.
  - Mon: Cursed the Fig Tree That Bears No Fruit, Symbolizing Israel (Matt 21:19).
  - Tue: The Cursed Tree Withered (Mark 11:20-21).
  - Wed: He Gave the Olivet Discourse, Detailing the Judgment on Israel, Prophesying the End Time (Matt 24-25; Mark 13).
- Thu: Passover Eve: The Last Supper.
  - The Passover Dinner Was Turned into a Betrothal Party between Christ and the Church.
  - Was Arrest at c. Midnight.

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- Fri: Passover Day, Israel's Day of Exodus from Egypt.
  - Jesus Went through 6 Trials:
    - 3 Religious Trials in the Night.
    - 3 Civil Trials in the Morning.
  - Declared Innocent as Charged.
    - For the Jews: He Did Not Try to Destroy the Temple.
    - For the Romans: He Was Not a Rebel King.
  - Was Convicted and Condemned for Political Reasons.
    - For the Jews: They Were Afraid of Rome.
    - For the Roman (Pilate): He Were Afraid of the Jews.
  - Crucified at c. 12:00 pm.
  - Died at c. 3:00 pm.
  - Buried at c. 5 pm.

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- Sat: Sabbath Day.
  - The Disciples Were Dejected and Wondering.
    - They Did Not Believe That Jesus Should Die (Matt 16:21-23; 17:22-23; 20:18-19).
    - They Did Not Believe That Jesus Would Resurrect (Luke 24:11).
  - The Jews Were Anxious and Plotting.
    - They Asked the Romans to Seal and Guard the Tomb (Matt 27: 62-66).
    - Later They Bribed the Guards to Lie (Matt 28:11-15).
  - The Romans Were Perplexed and Obliging.

# What If Jesus Did Not Resurrect?

- The Wage for the Sin of Mankind Was Paid for, but No One Would Accept the Gift by Faith.
- All Will Died in Sin and Be Condemned for Hell.
- The Jewish Leaders of Jesus' Day Would Be Justified in Declaring Jesus as a False Messiah.
- The Romans Would Be Justified in Unjustly Killing an Innocent Man for "National Security."
- The Believers of Jesus Would Be Foolish in a Useless Faith, as Believers of All Other Religions.

# What If Jesus Did Not Resurrect?

- “<sup>12</sup> Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised; <sup>14</sup> and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain.”
- (1 Cor 15:12-14 NAU)

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- “<sup>15</sup> Moreover we are even found *to be* false witnesses of God, because we testified against God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised; <sup>17</sup> and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.
- <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.”
- (1 Cor 15:15-19 NAU)



# Jesus on Easter Sunday

- Easter Sunday = Sun, Nisan 17, (Gregorian April 2; Julian April 4), A.D. 33.
- Resurrection: c. 5:00 am.
  - He Was in the Tomb for about 36 hrs.
    - 1 hr on Fri (5:00 -6:00 pm).
    - 24 hrs on Sat (6:00 pm – 6:00 am).
    - 11 hrs on Sun (6:00 pm –5:00 am).
  - It Was Counted as “3 Days and 3 Nights”.
    - The Jewish Way of Counting Is Part as Full.
    - It Was a Fulfillment of Prophecy (Jonah 1:17; Matt 12:40).

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- In the Morning: He Appeared to the 3 Women Who Came to Re-Embalm Him (Matt 28:18-20):
  - First to Mary of Magdalene (John 20:10-18).
  - Then to All Three, including:
    - Mary the Mother of James the Less and Joses, the Wife of Cleopas, Who Is the Brother of Joseph, the Adoptive Father of Jesus. (This Mary = Jesus Paternal Aunt).
    - Salome, the Sister of Mary the Mother of Jesus. (Salome = Jesus' Maternal Aunt).

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- In the Day: He Appeared to Two Disciples on the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35), including Cleopas:
  - He Was Jesus' Paternal Uncle (the Brother of Joseph).
  - He Was One of the 70 Apostles (Beyond the 12; Luke 10:1), the First Bishop of Jerusalem (before James the Brother of Jesus).
- In the Evening: He Appeared to Ten Disciples (San Thomas) in the Upper Room (Luke 24:36-49).

# Justification!—Line of Thought

- The Way of Works Does Not Work (1:18–3:20).
- There Is a Way: Justification through Faith (3:21-26).
- The New Way Requires Exclusivity (3:27-31).
  - Exclusivity: Faith Alone, Not Faith Plus Works.
  - Universality: All Are Saved in the Same Way (=> Ch 4).
  - Connectivity: The Law Is the Pointer to the Faith (=> Ch 5).
- The New Way Illustrated by the Life of Abraham (Ch 4).
- The New Life Necessitated by the Law (Ch 5).
  - The Benefits of Justification (5:1-11).
    - Peace with God (5:1-4).
    - Love of God (5:5-8).
    - Saved from Wrath through His Life (5:9-11): Romans for Easter!
  - The Pointer to Justification (5:12-21).

# The 3<sup>rd</sup> Benefit of Justification

- “<sup>9</sup> Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be **saved from the wrath of God** through Him.
  - <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son,
- much more, having been reconciled, we shall be **saved by (through) His life.**
  - <sup>11</sup> And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.” (Rom 5:9-11 NAU)

# From Greater to Lesser

- Paul Was Using a Rabbinical Way of Argument: *qal wayyomer* (“Light and Heavy”):
  - “From the Minor to the Major”: “If the Minor Argument Stands, So Will the Major One!”
  - It Does Not Always Stand Logically.
- Paul Transcended the Rabbinical Way of Argument:
  - From the Major to the Minor:
    - “If God Had Done the Greater Thing of Paying for the Wage of Sin of Mankind by Sacrificing His Son,
    - He Surely Would Have Finished His Work by Bringing the Elect into Faith, with Benefits of Justification, Reconciliation, Sanctification, and the Final Glorification.”
  - This Argument Always Stands Logically.

# Two Aspects of Salvation

- The Work of God:
  - Election and Predestination before the Foundation of the World.
  - Redemption of Men's Sin by Sacrificing His Son in the Right Time of History.
  - Sending the Holy Spirit to Work on the Elect and Bring Them to Faith.
- The Reaction of Men:
  - Being Convicted of Personal Sins.
  - Understand the Impossibility of Self –Salvation.
  - Knowing the Good News of Jesus' Redemption.
  - Receiving Jesus as Personal Savior: Moment of Receiving Eternal Life.
  - Follow Him as the Lord of Life.
- Men May Think That They Found Christ, until They Understand That It Was God Who Led Them to Find Christ.

# Two Aspects of Salvation

- Legal Justification:
  - “Saved from Wrath”
  - Believers Are Covered by the Blood of Jesus, and God Will Not See the Sin and the Law. Therefore Judgment is Spared.
- Personal Reconciliation:
  - “Saved by (through) His Life”
  - Nonbelievers Were the Enemies of God.
  - Believers Receive the New Life of Christ’s and Are Regenerated and Adopted as Sons of God.



# Message and Application

- God Has Done His Work in Redeeming Our Sins.
- Have We Done Our Part of Receiving Jesus as Our Savior?
- Have We Done Our Part of Trusting in Jesus, and Following Him Faithfully as Our Lord?