

**ACC MESSAGE – JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup> 2023**

**BUILDING A STRONG FOUNDATION - SERIES**

*Matthew 7:24 therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.*

**THEME:**

**RIGHTEOUSNESS Romans 1:16-17 – 5:15-17 –  
2 Corinthians 5:21**

**BEING IN RIGHT STANDING WITH GOD**

*Romans 1:16-17*

*16 For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile.*

*17 This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life." NLT*

*Romans 5:9-11*

*9 And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation.*

*10 For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son.*

*11 So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God. NLT*

*Romans 5:15-17*

*15 But there is a great difference between Adam's sin and God's gracious gift. For the sin of this one man, Adam, brought death to many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of forgiveness to many through this other man, Jesus Christ.*

16 And the result of *God's gracious gift* is very different from the result of that one man's sin. For Adam's sin led to condemnation, *but God's free gift leads to our being made right with God*, even though we are guilty of many sins.

17 For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace *and his gift of righteousness*, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ. NLT

- ▼ **IT IS IN THE GOSPEL THAT GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS IS REVEALED.**
- ▼ **IT IS REVEALED BY FAITH – OUR FAITH IN CHRIST'S ATONING SACRIFICE – THE SHEDDING OF HIS BLOOD - ON THE CROSS AT CALVARY.**
- ▼ **IT IS GOD'S GIFT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT JUSTIFIES US – THAT BRINGS US INTO RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD**
- ▼ **IT IS GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT DECLARES US TO BE “NOT GUILTY” BEFORE HIM.**
- ▼ **IT IS HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT HAS CHANGED MY STATUS FROM ENEMY OF GOD TO FRIEND OF GOD.**
- ▼ **WHAT AN AMAZING TRUTH TO KNOW**
- ▼ **AND KNOWING IT FREES US FROM THE IMPRISONMENT OF INSECURITY, POOR SELF IMAGE, LOW SELF ESTEEM**
- ▼ **THIS TRUTH SETS US FREE FROM THE BONDAGE OF GUILT AND NEVER BEING ABLE TO FEEL WE CAN BE DIFFERENT.**

### ***My testimony***

*For most of my teenage years until my early twenties I struggled with the sense of not being loved by my parents. Where this idea came from, I cannot tell because my parents were good parents, and we had a good family environment. I was so different in temperament and social preferences to my older brother who was good to me but somehow, I compared myself to him.*

*I was constantly plagued with the questions of why I was not loved, therefore I must be different or there is something wrong with me. To me life seemed meaningless and had no identifiable purpose.*

*After coming to Christ things were very dramatically different for some months because my life had been transformed through and through by being born again by God's Spirit. I wholeheartedly committed my life to serve God no matter what the cost or the future held for me.*

*BUT then after some months I fell back into my old ways of thinking poorly of myself and carried this over into my relationship to God.*

*I sought prayer many times over so that I might be to be free from this constant conflict within me of low self esteem and unsure of how God felt towards me?*

*This seems to be a strange paradox after having such a dramatic conversion, being filled with the Holy Spirit and intellectually understanding what the scriptures said about me. But the truth of God's word had not reached me inwardly and there was no peace within*

***Oh, how I remember the day that God directed me to truly read the Word and believe it as it is written in his word about what he has done **IN ESTABLISHING PEACE WITH US** through his atoning death of Christ on the cross***

***THAT DAY IN 1959 - WHEN THE TRUTH OF ROMANS 5:1 THAT I HAD **PEACE WITH GOD** "BURST THROUGH" AND "FLOODED MY SOUL"***

**WITH LIGHT AND REVELATION THAT TOTALLY TRANSFORMED MY LIFE FOREVER.**

*Romans 5:1-2*

**THEREFORE, SINCE WE HAVE BEEN MADE RIGHT IN GOD'S SIGHT BY FAITH, WE HAVE PEACE WITH GOD because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.**

**2 Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory. NLT**

### **AND ADDITIONALLY**

***Colossians 1:20 and through him God reconciled everything to himself. HE MADE PEACE with everything in heaven and on earth BY MEANS OF CHRIST'S BLOOD on the cross. NLT***

- ▼ **THE REALIZATION THAT GOD HAD MADE PEACE WITH US (ME INCLUDED) THROUGH THE BLOOD OF CHRIST.**
- ▼ **THAT WE HAVE BEEN MADE RIGHT IN GOD'S SIGHT**
- ▼ **THAT WE ARE NO LONGER HIS ENEMY-**
- ▼ **THAT HE ENDED ALL HOSTILITIES TOWARDS US**
- ▼ **THAT HE WAS NO LONGER ANGRY WITH ME (US)**

*Romans 3:25-26*

**25 For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. PEOPLE ARE MADE RIGHT WITH GOD when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood.**

*This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past, **26 for he was looking ahead and including them in what he would do in this present time. GOD DID THIS TO DEMONSTRATE HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS**, for he himself is fair and just, and **HE DECLARES SINNERS TO BE RIGHT IN HIS SIGHT** when they believe in Jesus. NLT*

▼ **GOD HAS ENDED ALL ANGER AGAINST US.**

**WOW – WHAT AN INCREDIBLE TRUTH**

▼ **WHAT A SENSE OF RELEASE AND FREEDOM FROM ALL THOSE YEARS OF MY STRUGGLING WITH WHO I REALLY AM ETC**

■ **THIS PEACE WITH GOD IS THE FOUNDATION UPON WHICH WE CAN ENJOY AND EXPERIENCE THE PEACE OF GOD as expressed in Philippians 4:7**

*Philippians 4:7 And **God's peace**, which is far beyond human understanding, **will keep your hearts and minds** safe in union with Christ Jesus. GNT*

*Philippians 4:4 And **the peace of God** which surpasses all power of comprehension **shall mount guard over your hearts and minds** in Christ Jesus. Kenneth S. Wuest N.T.*

■ **PUT YOUR SANDALS ON.**

■ **SANDALS / SHOES ON OUR FEET**

*Ephesians 6:15 And **your feet shod** with the **preparation of the gospel of peace**; KJV.*

*Ephesians 6:15 and **with your feet fitted** with the **readiness that comes from the gospel of peace**. NIV*

*Ephesians 6:15 And having shod your feet in preparation [to face the enemy with the firm-footed stability, the promptness, and the readiness produced by the good news] of the Gospel of peace.* AMP

- ✳ **HAVING OUR FEET SOD / FITTED WITH THOSE KIND OF SANDALS THAT HAS FULLY PREPARED US THROUGH THE GOSPEL THAT DECLARES - GOD HAS MADE PEACE WITH THE BELIEVER (with us)**

*Ephesians 6:15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.* NIV

- ✳ **HAVING OUR FEET FITTED WITH THE “SANDALS OF READINESS” – THAT MAKES US READY PRODUCED BY THE GOSPEL OF PEACE.**

*Ephesians 6:15 Wear shoes that are able to speed you on as you preach the Good News of peace with God.* TLB

- ✳ **SANDALS FITTED ON OUR FEET THAT WILL SPEED US ON AS YOU PROCLAIM THE MESSAGE OF THE GOOD NEWS THAT GOD IS AT PEACE WITH US.**
- ✳ **THE GOOD NEWS THAT KEEPS US FIRM-FOOTED, STABLE AND WELL BALANCED TO FACE ALL THINGS THAT COME OUR WAY.**

## **OUR SANDALS BOUND ON.**

■ **WE ARE TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT WE KNOW –  
WITHOUT ANY DOUBT THAT WE DO HAVE  
PEACE WITH GOD AND THIS IS LIKENED TO  
HAVING OUR SANDALS LACED UP AND FIRMLY  
BOUND ON OUR FEET**

■ **Amen – Ps Barry**