

## ACC MESSAGE – JULY 9<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: JUSTIFICATION

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*Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: KJV*

*Romans 5:16 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. NLT*

*Romans 5:16 ..... whereas the free gift [following] many transgressions brings justification (an act of righteousness). AMP*

- **WE WHO WERE GUILTY OF MANY SINS – WERE JUSTIFIED.**
- **RIGHTEOUSNESS WAS IMPUTED OR CREDITED TO OUR ACCOUNT**

### WHAT IS RIGHTEOUSNESS?

- \* **RIGHTEOUSNESS** is the quality of being right, or just.

It was formerly spelt "rightwiseness", which explains the meaning!

Righteousness means - right action.

- \* **RIGHTEOUSNESS** is that gracious gift of God to men whereby all who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ are brought into right relationship with God.

\* **RIGHTEOUSNESS** means that one can stand in the presence of God **without fear or condemnation.**

\* **BEING JUSTIFIED** means **BEING DECLARED RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

■ **IT IS WRITTEN FOR US** (as well as Abraham)

*Romans 4:22-25*

22 This is why "*it was credited to him (imputed) as righteousness.*"

23 The words "*it was credited to him*" were written not for him alone,

24 but also for us, to whom *God will credit righteousness — for us* who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.

25 He was delivered over to death for our sins and **was raised to life for our justification.** NIV

■ **RIGHTEOUSNESS HAS BEEN CREDITED TO US - TO OUR ACCOUNT.**

## **THE WORK, THE RESULTS, THE EFFECT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**

To get a full picture of what this means I would like us to read these versions of Isaiah 32:17-18

*Isaiah 32:17-18*

17 The **WORK** of righteousness will be **PEACE**; And the **EFFECT** of righteousness, **QUIETNESS** and **CONFIDENCE** forever.

18 My people will abide in *a peaceful habitation, In safe dwellings, And in quiet resting places.* WEB

17 KJV - And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness **quietness** and **ASSURANCE** for ever.

**Isaiah 32:17-18**

**17 The RESULT of righteousness will be PEACE; the EFFECT of righteousness will be quiet CONFIDENCE forever.**

**18 Then my people will dwell in a peaceful place, and in safe and restful dwellings. Holman N T**

**Isaiah 32:17-18**

**17 The FRUIT of righteousness will be PEACE; the EFFECT of righteousness will be QUIETNESS and CONFIDENCE forever.**

**18 My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest. NIV**

**Isaiah 32:17-18**

**17 And the EFFECT of righteousness will be PEACE, and the RESULT of righteousness, QUIETNESS and TRUST forever.**

**18 My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places. ESV**

- \* MY PEOPLE SHALL LIVE IN THE CONDITIONS THAT RIGHTEOUSNESS HAS SECURED FOR THEM.**
- \* IN A STATE OF PEACE, SECURITY, QUIETNESS, RESTFULNESS AND CONFIDENCE THAT PREVAILS, AND DOES NOT DISTURB.**
- \* THESE ARE THE BENEFITS OF BEING JUSTIFIED**

**CONFIDENCE - ASSURANCE - BOLDNESS.**

**Hebrews 10:19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, NIV**

**Hebrews 10:19 Having therefore, brothers, boldness to enter into the holy place by the blood of Jesus, WEB**

**CONFIDENCE and BOLDNESS**

**Justified by his blood**

*Romans 5:9 Much more then, **being now justified by his blood**, we shall be saved from wrath through him. KJV*

*Romans 5:9 Since we have **now been justified by his blood**, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! NIV*

## **THE PRACTICAL BENEFITS OF BEING JUSTIFIED**

**THEY ARE THREE FOLD AND ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF GOD'S PLAN FOR HIS PEOPLE TO LIVE VICTORIOUSLY AND TRIUMPHANTLY.**

### **1. RIGHTEOUSNESS GIVES US CONFIDENCE BEFORE GOD.**

- \* **This is very important to every believer if they are to possess victory in their life.**
- ♦ **Righteousness** presents the believer before the Father, as one who has **RIGHT STANDING WITH HIM.**
- ♦ **Righteousness** produces a **embolden CONFIDENCE** within the believer's life.
- ♦ **Righteousness** takes the place of **FEAR, SHAME and CONDEMNATORY DISAPPROVAL.**
- ♦ **Righteousness** removes all sense of **INFERIORITY, LOW SELF ESTEEM, and the lack of PERSONAL VALUE/WORTH**
- ♦ Bring **justified** – made right with God **every believer** can boldly or confidently approach God without **FEAR, SHAME OR THE SENSE OF GUILT.**  
**WOW!**

## **2. RIGHTEOUSNESS GIVES US CONFIDENCE BEFORE SATAN.**

- \* **Where we can face the devils lies and accusations WITH CONFIDENCE**
- ♦ **The devil is the accuser of every believer.**  
**accusing and criticising us before God.**  
*Revelation 12:10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. **For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night,** has been hurled down. NIV*
- ♦ **Even though the Devil constantly seeks to bring accusation and charges against us before our God because we know that we have been justified – made right with God causes us to have confidence, courage, and boldness to reject the devil's lies and accusations.**
- ♦ **The shame, condemnation and the loss of reputation that comes from such lies, completely loses its power to seriously affect us and we are able to continue on in victory doing God's will.**
- ♦ **And any correction that might be needed in us will be done by God our heavenly father.**
- ♦ **We can ALSO face the Devils lies and accusations WITH CONFIDENCE because we have a 'defence attorney' (advocate) someone who will speak in our defence (Jesus) before our heavenly father. 1 John 2:1**

*1 John 2:1 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, **we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense** — Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. NIV*

### **3. RIGHTEOUSNESS GIVES US CONFIDENCE BEFORE MAN.**

- \* Many people are quick to criticise, complain, condemn God's servants/people.
- ♦ We sometimes have to face being humiliated, belittled, and our weaknesses and frailties paraded before others.
- ♦ And there is little expression of love that covers many sins - *1 Peter 4:8 And above all things be earnest in your love among yourselves, for love covers a multitude of sins. WEB*

#### **ADEQUATELY REMEDIED**

- ♦ Offences and hurts can leave a lasting sting in our lives but when we **RISE UP** and **DECLARE WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT US** they are **ADEQUATELY REMEDIED** within us.

#### **EFFECTIVELY DEALT WITH**

- ♦ Also, we may have to face peoples' unjust criticism and scheming which could cause us to be intimidated and feeling to withdraw **BUT** this is **FULLY AND EFFECTIVELY DEALT WITH** by the **knowledge** that we have **BOLDNESS** to **CONFIDENTLY REJECT** whatever man can unjustly throw at us.

♦ **MADE RIGHT IN GOD'S SIGHT – JUSTIFIED**

*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*

**AMEN**