*September 3, 2017 / Communion Sunday*

“We Have Been Justified…”

*Romans 5:1-2*

*Romans 5:1-2 NIV - Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.*

*Romans 5:1-2 AMP - Therefore, since we have been justified [that is, acquitted of sin, declared blameless before God] by faith, [let us grasp the fact that] we have peace with God [and the joy of reconciliation with Him] through our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed). 2Through Him we also have access by faith into this [remarkable state of] grace in which we [firmly and safely and securely] stand. Let us rejoice in our hope and the confident assurance of [experiencing and enjoying] the glory of [our great] God [the manifestation of His excellence and power].*

Definitions…

For we have been… , “purchased out of Debtor’s Prison and our enslavement is paid in full.”

Likewise, we are to be , *“*set apart for holy use unto God.”

“ is the declaring of a person to be just or righteous. It is a legal term signifying acquittal.” -Baker’s Dictionary of Biblical Theology

A Question…

How does a Righteous Monarch, a Just God, a Holy King, justify declaring a Criminal Not Guilty who is in actuality Guilty?

Salvation’s Plan…

It begins with the of the Father’s LOVE and the MIRACLE of the of Christ.

*John 3:16 AMP - For God so greatly loved and dearly prized the world that He [even] gave up His only begotten (unique) Son, so that whoever believes in (trusts in, clings to, relies on) Him shall not perish (come to destruction, be lost) but have eternal (everlasting) life.*

*Ephesians 3:19 NIV84 - …To know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.*

*Ephesians 3:17 MESSAGE - And I ask him that with both feet planted firmly on love, you'll be able to take in with all followers of Jesus the extravagant dimensions of Christ's love.*

What Christ did IS THE COST and HUMANITY’S DEBT.

*Isaiah 53:5 MESSAGE - But it was our sins that did that to him, that ripped and tore and crushed him—our sins! He took the punishment, and that made us whole. Through his bruises we get healed.*

YOU are because of Christ!

*John 19:30 NIV84 – “...It is Finished!”*

*1 Corinthians 6:19-20 NIV78 – You are not your own: you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your body.*

YOU are in Christ!

*2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV84 - "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come..."*

*2 Corinthians 5:21 NIV84 - God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

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