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**When Scripture becomes second nature**

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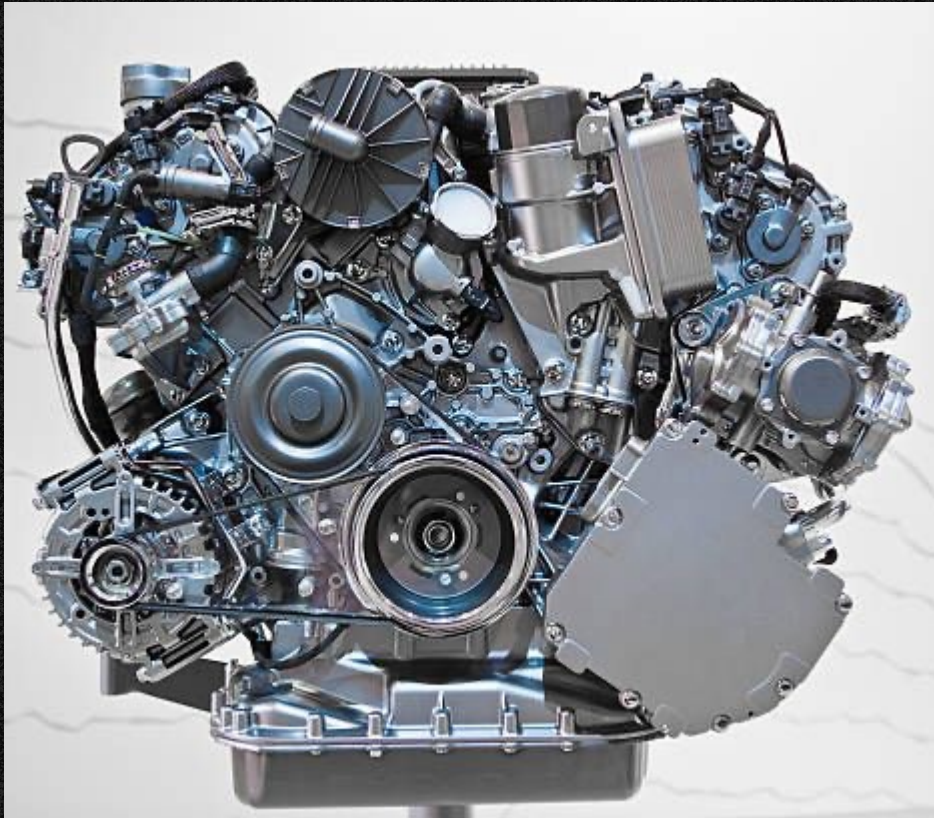
# THE Human Problem

1. I want to live in a just society
2. I want to live in a merciful society
3. I don't want to make people worse
4. I want to live among good people
5. People do wrong and bad things



Everyone wants the full Costco cart of life. No one wants to admit they are the reason we can't have nice things.





It's not enough to  
"solve" a problem.  
The whole engine  
still has to work.

Why are there so many problems that seem  
like they would be easy to fix, but they aren't?



## Righteousness: Justice

- Judgment- moral deserts
- Mercy- loving leniency
- Forbearance- working these out through time

What happens **to** human persons



## Righteousness: Goodness

- Moral Gravity- deepened and changed
- Moral Injury- harmed by harm (hardening/demoralization)



What happens **in** the human persons





Abdication or Tyranny  
(cowardice or callousness)



Costs of forbearance  
and mercy

## Governor

Amnesty  
Felony  
Condemnation



Repentance  
and change

## Offender

## Victim



MG- Just,  
hopeful,  
merciful,  
humble



Hardening or  
Flippancy



Futility, self-  
righteousness  
or vengefulness



How do you  
do justice,  
show mercy,  
encourage moral gravity  
and deny moral injury  
all at the same time?



Justification  
by means of a  
sacrifice of atonement  
by the  
Son of God



Justification is the state of being counted  
righteous by God:

In Christ,  
Through faith,  
Apart from works



# 1. Counted Righteous



## Philippians 3:8-9

*“...That I may gain Christ and be found in him,  
not having a righteousness of my own that  
comes from the law, but that which is through  
faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes  
from God and is by faith.”*



## Romans 3:22-25

*“This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.”*



## Romans 4:3-8

*“What does the Scripture say? ‘Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.’ Now when a man works, his wages are not credited to him as a gift, but as an obligation. However, to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness. David says the same thing when he speaks of the blessedness of the man to whom God credits righteousness apart from works: ‘Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will never count against him.’”*



# Imputation

The full credit of Christ's Righteousness to us by God through faith. Justification **does not only pardon** us of guilt but **credits us with positive righteousness**.

We are **not just not condemned;**  
**we are accepted as righteous in Christ.**



## 2. Counted Righteous in Christ



## Romans 3:22-25

*“This righteousness from God comes through faith **in Jesus Christ** to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by **his grace** through the **redemption that came by Christ Jesus**. God presented **him** as a **sacrifice of atonement**, through faith in **his blood**.”*



# Work of Christ

Jesus and what he has done is the objective and total basis for our Justification, which is the material means of every part of salvation.

It is what we “boast” and “glory” in—thus the source of all credit we give for our salvation.



# 3. Counted Righteous through faith



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# 4. Counted Righteous apart from Laws, Works, Signs, or Rituals



## **Romans 3:21-24 NIV82**

*“But now a righteousness from God, **apart from law**, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.”*



## Romans 4:1-11 NIV82 (1/2)

*“What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather, discovered in this matter? If, in fact, Abraham was justified **by works**, he had something to boast about—but not before God. What does the Scripture say? ‘Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.’ Now when a man works, his wages are not credited to him as a gift, but as an obligation. However, to the man **who does not work** but trusts **God who justifies the wicked**, his faith is credited as righteousness. David says the same thing when he speaks of the blessedness of the man to whom God credits righteousness **apart from works**: ‘Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.*



## Romans 4:1-11 NIV82 (2/2)

*"...Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will never count against him.' Is this blessedness only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? We have been saying that Abraham's faith was credited to him as righteousness. Under what circumstances was it credited? Was it after he was circumcised, or before? It was not after, but before! And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. So then, he is the father of all who believe but have not been circumcised, in order that righteousness might be credited to them."*



Now read our  
passage again



## **Philippians 3:3-9 NIV82**

*“For it is we who are the circumcision, we who worship by the Spirit of God, who glory in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh...*

*...whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith.”*



# Applications:

1. The Justification of sinners is also the Justification of God

The Governor is neither  
tyrannical nor remiss.  
He is forbearing.



## Romans 3:25-26 NIBO

*“God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. **He did this to demonstrate his justice**, because in his **forbearance** he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, **so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.**”*



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Faith produces gravity and earnestness,  
or it isn't faith.



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s blew ... against the ... e, and it fell with a great crash." - Matthe ...  
-27 "He ... them this parable: "No one tears a piece ... of a new garment to patch ...  
old one. Otherwise, they will have torn the new garment ... and the patch from the ne ...  
l not match the old." - Luke 5:36 "Neither do people ... pour new wine into ...  
wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst; the wine will run out and the wineskin ...  
l be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins ... and both are preserved."  
threw 9:17 Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out t ...  
his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds ...  
e and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It ...  
ang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants ...  
e scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among ...  
s, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where ...  
produced a crop - a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown." - Matthew 13:3- ...  
he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat ...  
h them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the ...  
eivers: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather ...  
wheat and bring it into my barn.'" - Matthew 13:24-30 He told them another parable ...  
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garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its ...  
nches." - Matthew 13:31-32 Again he asked, "What shall I compare the kingdom of Go ...  
It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour ...  
worker ... dough." - Luke 13:20-21 "The kingdom of God is like a man who hid ...  
asure ... man found it, he hid it again ...

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# Post-Service Notes

- Join us **tonight** for Part 2 of the “What is Evangelicalism” lecture
- On **Tuesday, October 14** we’ll be having a Zoom town hall meeting for the **Bylaw Reviews**
- Link is on [highpointchurch.org/nextsteps](https://highpointchurch.org/nextsteps)