

ROMANS

HANDOUT

KEY TERMS

- **Justification** – legal term
 - God as Judge gives a verdict granting the believer right standing before God, free from condemnation
 - It is a change of status from “guilty” to “right”
 - Involves both forgiveness of sin and crediting of Christ’s moral righteousness (Rom. 3:20-27, 5:1, 8:1, 30-34, 10:4; Gal. 2:15-16)
 - Forgiveness required otherwise we would be “morally neutral” as Adam was before the Fall – neither guilty nor righteous
 - Christ’s moral righteousness is applied because He paid our penalty (Rom. 8:3-4; 1 Pet. 3:18; 1 John 2:2)
 - God’s judgment is “just” because His holy standard of perfect righteousness has been fulfilled in Christ, therefore Jesus is our “justifier” because His righteousness is freely given to the believer (Rom. 3:26, 5:16).
 - Justification ONLY comes through faith in the perfect payment of sin through Jesus’s sacrifice on the cross and that His righteousness is applied to our life, forgiving us of sin and justifying us before God (Rom. 3:25-30).
- **Reconciliation** – accounting term
 - Our sin is removed from our account and put as a debt on Jesus’ account
 - Jesus pays for that debt with His life (Rom. 8:3-4; 1 Pet. 3:18; 1 John 2:2)
 - Jesus’ righteousness is then credited to our account (Isa. 61:10; Rom. 5:19; 1 Cor. 1:30; Phil. 3:9)
 - The reconciled relationship status is then maintained through the believer’s repentance of sin throughout their lifetime (Prov. 28:13; Luke 17:3; Rom. 2:1-10; Gal. 6:1; James 5:16; Rev. 2:4-5, 3:3)
- **Adoption** – legal term
 - Adopted children become a member of the family, just as if they had been born of the adopter & was given all the privileges of a blood-born family member
 - Roman adoption “so far annihilated the pre-existing personality who underwent it, that during many centuries it operated as an extinction of debts” (W.E. Ball). This means

that as adopted children of God, our spiritual debts are cancelled and we receive a whole new identity!

- Adoption resulted in:
 - A Change of Family – transference from one family grouping to another; from the family of Satan to the family of God
 - A Change of Name – assumed the name of the new family; from “sinner” to “child of God”
 - A Change of Home – inclusion into the new family home; from hell to heaven
 - New Responsibilities & Privileges – new responsibilities within the new family but also a new capacity to inherit; new responsibilities in the body of Christ with promised inheritance as a co-heir with Christ
- Adoption requires ceremonial witness – The Holy Spirit serves as our witness that we are a son/daughter of God (Rom. 8:15; Gal. 4:6)

THE ROMAN ROAD TO SALVATION

- The Human Problem
 - “There is no one righteous, not even one.” (Rom. 3:10)
 - “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” (Rom. 3:23)
 - “For the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Rom. 6:23)
- Humanity’s Hope in Christ
 - “But God demonstrated His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Rom. 5:8)
- The Sinner’s Response
 - “If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.” (Rom. 10:9-10)
 - “For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” (Rom. 10:13)
- Result of Salvation
 - “Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.” (Rom. 5:1-2)
 - “Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” (Rom. 8:1)

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- Sample Prayer of Salvation
 - “God, I know that I am a sinner and that the wages of sin are death. I believe that You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, as a payment for my punishment. I declare that Jesus is my Lord and profess my faith for salvation through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Thank you for Your grace, forgiveness, peace, and gift of eternal life. Amen!”

After leading someone to Christ, **get them baptized in the Holy Spirit and praying in tongues!** This gift of the Spirit is promised to all believers (Acts 2:38-39) and is for empowerment to live the Christian life (1 Cor. 14:4a), be faithful witnesses of Christ (Acts 1:8), and function in supernatural power for ministry to others.

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

As forgiven, justified, reconciled, adopted children of God, we are to live differently from the people of the world. Every area of our life should look different, for we now belong to a different family!

Dominion & victory is available to all believers through Christ! This triumph is gained & sustained by:

- Having the **curse of condemnation broken from the soul once & for all** (Rom. 8:1-4) and peace of heart & mind may be continually experienced (Rom. 5:1-11).
- **Allowing the Holy Spirit to fill, lead, & lift us above our flesh’s mastery of our body & soul** that desires to sustain patterns of sin in our life (Rom. 8:5-17).
- Remembering that **God never promised trouble-free living**, yet has guaranteed the certainty of our triumph through & beyond every trial (Rom. 8:18-22).
- **Rejoicing in the absolute commitment God made to ensure victory with Him through grace** (Rom. 8:29-32), and by answering any circumstance or lie of the devil with the certainty of conquering (Rom. 8:35-39)

Description of the Christian	Result
Presents self to God (Rom. 12:1)	Becomes a living sacrifice, holy, & pleasing to God
Receives transformation by a renewed mind (Rom. 12:2)	Discovers & displays the will of God
Has spiritual gifts according to the grace of God (12:6-8)	Uses gifts as part of the Body of Christ
Honors civil law (Rom. 13:1)	Honors God
Loves others (Rom. 13:8)	Fulfills God’s law
Pursues Peace (Rom. 14:19)	Serves to edify all
Becomes like-minded toward others (Rom. 15:5)	Glorifies God with others

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