

Monday 6/23

Related Verses

Rom. 3:24, 26

24 Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

26 With a view to the demonstrating of His righteousness in the present time, so that He might be righteous and the One who justifies him who is of the faith of Jesus.

Acts 10:43

43 To this One all the prophets testify that through His name everyone who believes into Him will receive forgiveness of sins.

Isa. 61:10

10 I will rejoice greatly in Jehovah, My soul will exult in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has wrapped me with the robe of righteousness; I am like a bridegroom who wears the headdress of the priest, And like a bride who adorns herself with her jewels.

Luke 15:22

22 But the father said to his slaves, Bring out quickly the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet.

Jer. 23:6

6 In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell securely; And this is His name by which He will be called, Jehovah our righteousness.

Zech. 3:4

4 And He answered and spoke to those standing before Him, saying, Remove the filthy garments from him. Then He said to him, See, I hereby make your iniquity pass from you and clothe you with stately robes.

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Justification is God's action in approving people according to His standard of righteousness. His righteousness is the standard, not ours...How high is God's righteousness? It is unlimited! Can you be

approved by God according to your own righteousness? This is impossible. Although you may be right with everyone—with your parents, your children, and your friends—your righteousness will never justify you before God. You may justify yourself according to your standard of righteousness, but that does not enable you to be justified by God according to His standard. We need justification by faith. Justification by faith before God means that we are approved by God according to the standard of His righteousness.

How can God do this? He can do it because our justification is based upon the redemption of Christ. When the redemption of Christ is applied to us, we are justified. If there were no such redemption, it would be impossible for us to be justified by God. Redemption is the basis of justification. (*Life-study of Romans*, p. 49)

Bible students have great difficulty with the phrase *the faith of Jesus Christ* (Rom. 3:22). Some say that it means our act of believing in Jesus Christ. Others argue that it refers to the faith of Jesus, that the faith of Jesus becomes ours. I would put it this way: genuine believing is to believe in the Lord Jesus by His faith. We believe in Jesus Christ by His faith, for we have no faith of our own. Jesus is the Author and Perfector of our faith (Heb. 12:2)...The righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law by our believing in Jesus Christ by His faith. We believe in Christ by His faith, not by our own. Christ is our faith. Never say that you cannot believe, for you can believe if you want to. Do not try to believe by yourself, because the more you try, the less faith you have. Simply say, "O Lord Jesus, I love You...You are so good." If you do this, you will have faith immediately. We believe in Jesus Christ by His faith, and out of this faith and to this faith, the righteousness of God is revealed to all who believe.

According to our experience, it was not God who first approved us but we who approved God [Rom. 3:4]...We were rebellious and said, "I don't like God.

God is not right." We all thought this way before we were saved. Many people speak against God, saying, "If God is right, why are there so many poor people on the earth? If God is right, why is there no justice among the nations?" They admit that there is God but claim that He is not righteous...God has been patient with us, doing many things for us until He finally convinced us of His righteousness. Who justified whom first? We first justified God. When we were convinced by God of His righteousness, we justified Him and wept in repentance, saying, "God, forgive me. I'm so sinful and unclean. I need Your forgiveness."

God has justified us freely by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ and through the faith of Jesus (vv. 24, 26). Since Christ has paid the price for our sins and has accomplished the full redemption to meet all of God's requirements, God, in order for Him to be just, must justify us. On God's side justification is by His righteousness; on our side justification is by His free grace as compared with justification by the works of the law. To be justified by the works of the law, we need to work, but to be justified by the redemption in Christ, there is no need of our work; it is freely given by His grace. We do not deserve it. But God is bound by His righteousness to justify us because of the redemption of Christ, which meets all His requirements. (*Life-study of Romans*, pp. 55, 57-59)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Romans*, msg. 5

Tuesday 6/24

Related Verses

Rom. 5:18, 21

18 So then as it was through one offense unto condemnation to all men, so also it was through one righteous act unto justification of life to all men.

21 In order that just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness unto eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rom. 5:6-10

6 For while we were yet weak, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

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7 For scarcely for a righteous man will anyone die, though perhaps for the good man someone would even dare to die.

8 But God commends His own love to us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Much more then, having now been justified in His blood, we will be saved through Him from the wrath.

10 For if we, being enemies, were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more we will be saved in His life, having been reconciled,

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Christ's righteous act of dying on the cross resulted in justification of life. Romans 5:21 says that grace reigns through righteousness unto life...[Verses 18 and 21] show that life comes as the result of righteousness (see 8:10). (Rom. 5:18, footnote 1)

Life is the goal of God's salvation; thus, justification is "of life." Justification is not an end in itself; it is for life. Through justification we have come up to the standard of God's righteousness and correspond with it, so that now He can impart His life to us. Justification changes our outward position; life changes our inward disposition. Justification unto life indicates that life is the focus of Romans 5 and that the organic union of life is an issue of justification. (Rom. 5:18, footnote 2)

In Romans 5:1-11 Paul mentions six outstanding words: *love, grace, peace, hope, life, and glory*. The love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit (v. 5). We have access into this grace in which we stand (v. 2). Since we have been justified out of faith, we have peace toward God (v. 1). Following this, we boast, exult, and glory because of the hope (v. 2). Verse 10 tells us that we will be saved in His life. Finally, we expect to share the glory of God (v. 2). These six items are part of the result of God's justification...For all these matters you need justification. All of them are our portion as the issue of God's justification.

Along with these six significant words, we have three wonderful persons. (Although I do not like the term *persons*, because it has been inaccurately understood in the teachings on the Trinity, there is no term more adequate in our human language to use in relation to the Godhead.) In Romans 5:1-11 we see the three persons of the Triune God. Verse 5 speaks of the Holy Spirit, telling us that the Holy Spirit has poured out the love of God in our hearts. Then verse 6 tells us that while we were yet weak and ungodly, Christ died for us. Finally, verse 11 says that now we boast in God...We joy, boast, exult, and glory in God because He is our enjoyment. Thus, Romans 5 unveils six wonderful things and three wonderful persons. We have love, grace, peace, hope, life, and glory. As a result of God's justification, we have the Holy Spirit, Christ, and God as our enjoyment.

Originally, we were not only sinners but also enemies of God. Through the redeeming death of Christ, God has justified us, the sinners, and has reconciled us, His enemies, to Himself (vv. 1, 10-11). This transpired when we believed in the Lord Jesus. We have received God's justification and reconciliation by faith. This has opened the way and ushered us into the realm of grace for the enjoyment of God.

In the realm of grace the first thing we enjoy is the love of God...(v. 5). Many times in our Christian life we need encouragement and confirmation. As we pass through periods of suffering, we may have questions and doubts. Perhaps you say, "Why are there so many troubles in my Christian life? Why are there so many trials and tests?"...Although these doubts arise, we cannot deny that the love of God is within us. From the day we first called on the Lord Jesus, the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. This means that the Spirit reveals, confirms, and assures us with the love of God. The indwelling Holy Spirit seems to say, "Don't doubt. God loves you. You don't understand why you must suffer now, but one day you will say, 'Father, I thank You for the troubles and trials that I passed through.'" When you enter the gate of eternity, you will say,

"Praise the Lord for the sufferings and tests that fell upon me on my journey. God used them to transform me." (*Life-study of Romans*, pp. 99-101)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Romans*, msg. 11

Wednesday 6/25

Related Verses**Rom. 5:5, 1-2**

5 And hope does not put us to shame, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

1 Therefore having been justified out of faith, we have peace toward God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
2 Through whom also we have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand and boast because of the hope of the glory of God.

John 14:6

6 Jesus said to him, I am the way and the reality and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.

Jude 20-21

20 But you, beloved, building up yourselves upon your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,
21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, awaiting the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

1 John 4:8, 16

8 He who does not love has not known God, because God is love.

16 And we know and have believed the love which God has in us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God and God abides in him.

2 Tim. 1:6-7

6 For which cause I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

7 For God has not given us a spirit of cowardice, but of power and of love and of sobermindedness.

2 Tim. 4:22

22 The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

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Oh, the love of God has been poured into our hearts! Although we may be afflicted, poor, and depressed, we cannot deny the presence of God's love within us. Can we deny that Christ died for us? Christ died for ungodly sinners such as we. Once we were enemies, but Christ shed His blood on the cross to reconcile us to God. What love is this! If God has given us His own Son, surely He will not do anything to hurt us. God is sovereign. He knows what is best for us. The choice is His, not ours. Regardless of our preference, what God has planned for us will be our portion. Everything related to us has been prepared by our Father. We should simply pray, "Lord, have Your way. I simply want what You want. I leave everything entirely in Your hands." This is our response to God when we realize afresh that He loves us so and that His love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. (*Life-study of Romans*, p. 101)

Romans 5:2 says, "We have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand." Grace is the realm in which we stand. We must stay where the grace is. Do not ask me where you should stand. You must stand in grace. Whenever you sense that you are out of the realm of grace, return to it immediately. If you are about to quarrel with your wife and sense that you are out of the realm of grace, stop what you are doing, return to the realm of grace, and stand there.

We need not do anything sinful to be cut off from grace. We only need to stay in a place too long, and we will sense that we have moved from the realm of grace into another sphere. What should we do in such a case? We should pray, "Lord, forgive me. Bring me back to the realm of grace." We return to the realm of grace by the same way through which we entered it originally. We entered the realm of grace through justification by faith. We simply confessed our sins to God, received the Lord Jesus as our Savior, and applied His blood, and we were justified. God's justification brought us into this grace in which we stand. Whenever we act wrongly and sense that we are

out of grace, we must repeat the same prayer: "O God, forgive me. Cleanse me with the precious blood." If you do this, you will be brought back to grace instantly.

Since we have been justified out of faith and stand in the realm of grace, we have peace toward God through our Lord Jesus Christ (v. 1). Paul does not say that we have peace *with* God but peace *toward* God. This means that we are still on the way toward God. We have not finished our journey. In the spiritual world we first enter the gate and then walk along the way. Justification by faith is the opening of the gate, giving us an access, an entry, into a wide field of enjoyment. Once we have passed through the gate of justification, we need to walk the way of peace. Sinners have no peace. Romans 3:17 says that when we were sinners, we did not know the way of peace. Today, however, we are walking in the way of peace.

If you are moving in a certain direction and do not sense the peace within, you should stop. Always go along with the peace. According to Luke 7:50, the Lord Jesus told the sinful woman, once she had been saved, to go in peace...Wherever you go, you must take the way of peace. If you have no peace, do not go. Whatever you do, do it in peace. If you have no peace, do not act. Grace is for our stand, and peace is for our walk. If you do not have the grace to stay in a certain place, do not stay there. If you have no peace to take a certain direction, do not walk. Stand in grace and walk in peace. (*Life-study of Romans*, pp. 101-102)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Romans*, msg. 9

Thursday 6/26

Related Verses**Rom. 5:3-4, 11**

3 And not only so, but we also boast in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces endurance;

4 And endurance, approvedness; and approvedness, hope;

11 And not only so, but also boasting in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

2 Cor. 12:7-9

7 And because of the transcendence of the revelations, in order that I might not be exceedingly lifted up, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, that he might buffet me, in order that I might not be exceedingly lifted up.

8 Concerning this I entreated the Lord three times that it might depart from me.

9 And He has said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness. Most gladly therefore I will rather boast in my weaknesses that the power of Christ might tabernacle over me.

Rom. 8:28-29

28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

29 Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers;

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In the realm of grace we boast in God (Rom. 5:11). The Greek word translated "boast" has at least three meanings: "boast," "exult," meaning to rejoice, and "glory."...As we stand in the realm of grace and walk the way of peace, we constantly boast, exult, and glory in our God. This means that we enjoy God.

Our natural being needs to be sanctified, transformed, and conformed. Therefore, God brings in certain tribulations and sufferings for our good. This is clearly revealed in Romans 8:28-29, where we are told that God causes all things to work together for good that we might be conformed to the image of His Son. Hence, tribulation and suffering are for our transformation. We all appreciate peace, grace, and glory, but no one likes tribulation. (*Life-study of Romans*, pp. 102-103)

Tribulation is actually the incarnation of grace with all the riches of Christ. This is similar to the incarnation of God in Jesus. Apparently, He was simply the man Jesus; actually, He was God. Apparently, our environment is tribulation; actually, it is grace...The six items [in Romans 5] of love, grace, peace, hope, life, and glory, along with the three persons of the Godhead all supersede tribulation. Nevertheless, tribulation is a visitation of grace.

If we say that we appreciate grace but not tribulation, it is like saying that we love God but not Jesus. However, to reject Jesus is to reject God. Likewise, to reject tribulation is to reject grace. Why was God incarnated? Because He wanted to come to us. The incarnation of God was His gracious visitation. Surely we all love such a visit from God. If we love His visit, we must love His incarnation. It is the same with grace and tribulation. Tribulation is the incarnation of grace visiting us. Although we love God's grace, we must also kiss the tribulation, which is the incarnation of grace, the sweet visitation of grace.

Many people dislike the cross because it is a suffering, a tribulation. Madame Guyon, on the contrary, kissed each cross, waiting for more to come, because she realized that the cross brought God to her...She welcomed the cross, for when she had the cross, she had God. Tribulation is a cross, and grace is God as our portion for our enjoyment. This grace mainly visits us in the form of tribulation.

The experience of tribulation produces endurance (v. 3). Endurance is more than patience; it is the product of patience plus suffering. None of us was born with endurance; it is produced by the suffering of tribulation.

We may experience this endurance in the small things of life...[A] small thing I hate is when people are late for an appointment. Although such delays are a suffering to me, they help me gain endurance. (Life-study of Romans, pp. 103-104)

After being redeemed, we are put into a long process of life. Sometimes it is not comfortable being in this process, but God knows all that we need for Him to complete His process in us. He knows what local church we need to meet with and what brothers should take the lead in that church. He also knows which wife or husband is best for us and how many children we should have. Moreover, He knows what kind of job and what kind of employer we need. He knows all our needs for the carrying out of this life process. The process in life is indicated by Romans 8:28, which says, "We know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." The "all things" mentioned in this verse include all persons, all matters, and all things. (CWWL, 1971, vol. 3, "Being Saved in Christ's Life and Walking according to the Spirit for the Building Up of the Body of Christ," pp. 28-29)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Romans*, msg. 9

Friday 6/27

Related Verses

1 Thes. 2:4

4 But even as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not as pleasing men but God, who proves our hearts.

1 Pet. 1:7

7 So that the proving of your faith, much more precious than of gold which perishes though it is proved by fire, may be found unto praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

Phil. 2:19-22

19 But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged by knowing the things concerning you.

20 For I have no one like-souled who will genuinely care for what concerns you;

21 For all seek their own things, not the things of Christ Jesus.

22 But you know his approvedness, that as a child with a father he has served with me unto the gospel.

1 Thes. 2:4

4 But even as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not as pleasing men but God, who proves our hearts.

Rev. 3:18

18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined by fire that you may be rich, and white garments that you may be clothed and that the shame of your nakedness may not be manifested, and eyesalve to anoint your eyes that you may see.

Rev. 1:20

20 The mystery of the seven stars which you saw upon My right hand and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the messengers of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

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God's entrusting depends on His approval, which comes out of His testing. The apostles were first tested and approved by God and then were entrusted by Him with the gospel. Hence, their speaking, the preaching of the gospel, was not of themselves to please men but of God to please Him. (1 Thes. 2:4, footnote 1)

[Proving is] testing for approval. It is the trying, the proving, of faith, not the faith itself, that may be found unto praise...Of course, the approval of faith comes out of the proper faith. The stress here is not on faith but on the proving of faith by trials that come through sufferings. (1 Pet. 1:7, footnote 1)

Endurance produces approvedness (Rom. 5:4). Approvedness is an approved quality resulting from the endurance of tribulation and testing...At times it is difficult for young brothers to have the approval of others. They need the endurance that produces a quality that is easily approved by others. Tribulation issues in endurance, and endurance brings forth the quality of approvedness. Some versions translate the Greek word here as "experience." This is correct, for approvedness includes experience. However, it is not primarily the experience itself but the attribute or

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virtue that is acquired through the experiences of suffering. The more you suffer, the more you have endurance, and the more the virtue of approvedness will be produced. Approvedness is not an attribute that we have by our natural birth.

Consider the example of raw gold. Although it is genuine gold, it is raw and unattractive. It needs the purifying fire. The more the gold suffers the burning of the fire, the more an approved quality will be produced...Perhaps many of the young people are like raw gold. They do not need polishing or painting; they need burning. Some of the saints who love the Lord have an amount of life and light. Because they have these things, they think that they are suitable to work for the Lord. However, they lack approvedness. On the one hand, they can be productive wherever they go; on the other hand, they are raw and lack the virtue that makes people happy, sweet, and comfortable. They have the opposite of approvedness, what we may call disapprovedness...If we have the virtue of approvedness, we will not be a problem to others. We all must pray, “Lord, grant me approvedness.”

If you pray in this way, the Lord will ask, “Do you really mean business?” If your answer is affirmative, the Lord will raise up the circumstances that will produce approvedness for you. For example, He may give you the most suitable wife, the wife most useful in producing this quality within you. Most wives are excellent helpers, assisting God in producing approvedness for His servants. Most of the Lord’s servants need such a wife. The wife does not help the husband; she helps God. The disposition of the wives helps God to bring forth approvedness in their husbands.

God is sovereign. Many of us realize that we have not only been called but also caught. We must be a slave of Christ Jesus—we have no other choice...I must be the Lord’s slave. Although we are the slaves of Christ, we lack approvedness. This troubles God and damages us. It also bothers the saints and the household of God. We help them on the one hand and hurt them on the other. By our light and our gift we

help them; by our lack of approvedness we hurt them. Thus, we need the approvedness that comes out of endurance. (*Life-study of Romans*, pp. 104-105)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Romans*, msg. 9

Saturday 6/28

Related Verses**1 Pet. 5:10-11 (10)**

10 But the God of all grace, He who has called you into His eternal glory in Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself perfect, establish, strengthen, and ground you.

11 To Him be the glory and the might forever and ever. Amen.

2 Cor. 4:13-18 (17)

13 And having the same spirit of faith according to that which is written, “I believed, therefore I spoke,” we also believe, therefore we also speak,

14 Knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and will make us stand before Him with you.

15 For all things are for your sakes that the grace which has abounded through the greater number may cause the thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

16 Therefore we do not lose heart; but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

17 For our momentary lightness of affliction works out for us, more and more surpassingly, an eternal weight of glory,

18 Because we do not regard the things which are seen but the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

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All grace [in 1 Peter 5:10] refers to the riches of the bountiful supply of the divine life in many aspects ministered to us in many steps of the divine operation on and in us in God’s economy. The initial step is to call us, and the consummate step is to glorify us, as mentioned here in *who has called you into His eternal*

glory. Between these two steps are God’s loving care while He is disciplining us, and His perfecting, establishing, strengthening, and grounding work in us. In all these divine acts, the bountiful supply of the divine life is ministered to us as grace in varied experiences. (1 Pet. 5:10, footnote 2)

In Christ Jesus indicates that the God of all grace went through all the processes of incarnation, human living, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension to accomplish the complete and full redemption that He may bring His redeemed people into an organic union with Himself. Thus they can participate in the riches of the Triune God as their enjoyment. All the steps of the divine operation are in Christ, who is the embodiment of the Triune God and who became the all-inclusive life-giving Spirit as the bountiful life supply to us. It is in this Christ, through His all-inclusive redemption and based on all His achievements, that God can be the God of all grace to call us into His eternal glory and to perfect, establish, strengthen, and ground us in the Triune God (1:1-2) as the solid foundation, thus enabling us to attain His glorious goal...How excellent is His perfecting, establishing, strengthening, and grounding work in us! This is all accomplished through His “all grace,” which is the “true grace” (5:12). (1 Pet. 5:10, footnote 4)

What is this hope [Rom. 5:4]? It is the hope that one day we will all be brought into the glory of God (v. 2). Although we stand in grace and walk in peace, we are not yet in glory. But [one day]...we will be brought into glory...Whenever God is expressed, that is glory. It is very similar to the expression of the electrical current in a light bulb. The expression of electricity is the glory of electricity. We cannot see electricity itself, but the shining of electricity in the lights is the expression, the glory, of electricity. Likewise, glory is God expressed.

This glory is coming, and nothing can compare with it. Several verses show us that God will bring many sons into glory (8:18; 2 Cor. 4:17; 1 Thes. 2:12;

Heb. 2:10; 1 Pet. 5:10). Here and now we enjoy God because of the hope of this coming glory. While we are enjoying Him, we hope for the glory to come.

As we enjoy God in this way, we are being saved in His life...(Rom. 5:10). Daily we need to be saved from so many negative things. We need to be saved from our temper and our self. As we enjoy God in our sufferings, we need the saving in His life. We need to be saved in His life from the besetting sin, that is, to be freed from the law of sin and death. We need to be saved in His life from being worldly, that is, to be sanctified. We need to be saved in His life from our natural being, that is, to be transformed from our natural life. We need to be saved in His life from being self-like, that is, to be conformed to the image of Christ, the firstborn Son of God. And we need to be saved in His life from being individualistic, that is, to be built up with others into one Body. These are the savings in the life of Christ...This kind of saving in life is the main enjoyment that we have in God.

Justification has brought us into the realm of enjoyment. In this realm we stand in grace, walk in peace, suffer in hope, and enjoy God in our tribulations. While we are suffering and enjoying, we are being saved in His life. This is the issue of justification. (*Life-study of Romans*, pp. 105-106)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Romans*, msg. 11

Lord's Day 6/29

Related Verses

Rom. 4:16-18, 20-25

16 Therefore the inheritance is out of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise may be certain to all the seed, not to that which is of the law only, but also to that which is of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all

17 (As it is written, "I have appointed you a father of many nations") in the sight of God whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls the things not being as being.

18 He beyond hope believed in hope in order that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, "So shall your seed be."

20 But with regard to the promise of God, he did not doubt in unbelief, but was empowered by faith, giving glory to God

21 And being fully persuaded that what He had promised He was able also to do.

22 Therefore also it was accounted to him as righteousness.

23 Now it was not written for his sake only that it was accounted to him,

24 But for ours also to whom it is to be accounted, who believe on Him who has raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,

25 Who was delivered for our offenses and was raised for our justification.

Further Reading:

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Hymn: #1131

1 In a low dungeon, hope we had none;
 Tried to believe, but faith didn't come;
 God, our sky clearing, Jesus appearing,
 We by God were transfused!
 We by God were transfused!

Propitiation made by the blood,
 Jesus' redemption bought us for God!
 No condemnation, justification!
 We have peace toward God!
 We have peace toward God!

2 Born into Adam, dying we were;
 We had a sickness no one could cure.
 God, His Son sending, old Adam ending;
 He is dead, we are free!
 He is dead, we are free!

3 Now we're rejoicing, standing in grace,
 Oh hallelujah! Sin is erased!
 God, in us flowing, in our hearts growing,
 We are saved in His life!
 We are saved in His life!

Churchwide Truth Pursuit of Genesis

Level 1—Sequential Life-study Reading

Scripture Reading and Copying: Gen. 19

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Genesis*, msg(s). 39-40

Level 2—Topical Study

Crucial Point: A Life in Resurrection with the Blessing and Covenanting God

Scripture: Gen. 8-9

Assigned Reading: *Life-study of Genesis*, msg(s). 32, 35

Supplemental Reading: *Truth Lessons, Level Two, Vol. 2, ch. 17; Truth Lessons, Level Three, Vol. 1, ch. 4*

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