

Saved by Faith in Christ

June 18, 2017 – Romans 3:21-28

“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 (Without Cost) - δωρεαν - by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. 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 – (God did not punish sin until the Lord Jesus came into the World, and Jesus took the punishment for our sin upon Himself.) 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. Where then is boasting? It is excluded. On what principle? On that of observing the law? No, but on that of faith. For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law.”

When a new house is built what part of the house is built first? - The foundation. The basement is dug and the basement walls put up, and then the remainder of the house is built upon the foundation.

What if, after the house is built, you would take a giant cable, and wrap it around the foundation of the house, and then hook a huge caterpillar to the cable and pull, what would happen to the house?

The house would collapse.

A strong foundation is needed for a house to be built upon and to remain standing.

In Scripture we learn that the foundation of our Salvation is Jesus The Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:11 – “For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid which is Jesus Christ.”

What is the foundation of our faith? JESUS the Christ!

The Apostle Paul writes to the congregation in Roman and He makes it very clear that our salvation comes FROM God, In Christ. **Vs. 21** – “But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.”

We live in a society that likes to use the phrase, “Just have a little faith”

But upon what is that faith grounded?

If our faith / trust is not grounded upon God, Upon Christ Jesus, then our faith is useless.

Without God in Christ Jesus, our faith will simply collapse.

What if God in Christ did NOT justify all?

What if you are NOT included in God’s Justifying Work in Christ?

What if God forgot YOU?

What if you had to work your way to heaven by your good Works?

Let us listen to what the Lord says, through the Apostle Paul.

Vs. 23 – For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Vs. 24 – and are justified **freely** (Without Cost) - δωρεαν - by His grace through the redemption that came **by Christ Jesus**.

Let us be like the wise man from the Gospel of Matthew 7: 24-27 who place his faith on Jesus the Rock of our Salvation and not upon the sand.

Matthew 7:24-27 – Jesus says, 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. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall because it had ITS FOUNDATION ON THE ROCK. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

Put your faith in Christ, Who lived, the perfect life that we cannot live, Who died the death that we deserve, Who is risen from the dead, and Who is coming again to take you and I and all believers to our heavenly home where there is no more sin, or death or pain or sorrow, where we will have our new glorified bodies.

Christ Jesus is Our Sure FOUNDATION. AMEN.