



Lesson 11
"God the Justifier"
Romans 3:21-31
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Read Colossians 2:9-14. What are we to be cautious to avoid?

What fully dwells in Christ?

How do we relate to Him?

How have we been marked as being with Christ?

What did God do for us who were dead in our sins?

Look at verse 14. How did He deal with our record of debt?

Read 1 Peter 2:18-25. How should servants treat their masters?

Is this a command regarding only good and just masters? Why or why not?

What, according to verse 21, have we been called to?

What example are we following?

Look at verses 22-23. How is this description of Christ the opposite of mankind (in general)?

Why did He bear our sins on the cross?

Look carefully at the last part of verse 24. What types of wounds are referred to here? What type of healing is referred to here? (Hint: the answers are NOT the same to both questions.)

Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-31. What does Paul remind the people in Corinth that they "were"?

Why did God choose the weak and foolish things for His purposes? What three things has Christ "become" to us?

Where, then, is our boasting?

Read 1 Timothy 2:5-6. How many Gods are there?

Who is our mediator?

What did Christ give himself as?

Read 1 Peter 1:17-19. How should we conduct ourselves in this world?

What was the ransom paid for us?

Read Galatians 3:23-24. The law “held us captive” until what came?

The law, then, was our temporary guardian to drive us where?

How are we justified (declared righteous)?

As you spend time with God today, look at how God had planned your salvation. Ponder the truths in these verses as you see how God “thought of everything” and nothing was left undone. *He* provided the perfect sacrifice for *your* debt. *He* provided the justification. *He* redeemed *you*. *His Son* bore the wrath that is the payment for *your* sin. Praise God for His salvation! Ask Him to help you to see how He wants you to respond to that; not with fear or anger or loathing toward yourself or toward Him, but with joy and gratitude. Ask Him to help you to understand that your debt has been paid and to accept that gift and live in the fullness of the life He has for you, here and in eternity. Rejoice in the Lord always, and praise His mighty name!