

Sermon Notes – December 30, 2018

Jesus: The Only Way to Make Peace with God

[#4] *Jesus Our Perfect Redeemer*

John 1:1–18



Children's Sermon: Made for God's Glory

Who knows Romans 3:23?

Why is it so bad to fall short of God's Glory?

Romans 3:23

²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

Who knows Romans 3:24?

Romans 3:24

...and are *justified* (judged to be not guilty) *by his grace* as a gift, *through the redemption* that is in Christ Jesus...



Justified by Grace through Redemption... Propitiation

Jesus the Word of God...

- **Jesus is/with God:** Triune, Eternal, Creator/Sustainer
- **Jesus is Made a Man** (God-Man)
- **Jesus Came to Rescue Us from Darkness** (Blind Rebels)

Notes:

The Perfect Goodness of our Redeemer

⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

¹⁴ And **the Word became flesh** and dwelt among us, and we **have seen his glory**, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁶ For from *his fullness* we have all received, *grace upon grace*. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; **the only God**, who is at the Father's side, **he has made him known**.

1. Jesus the Perfect Image of God
2. Jesus Our Perfect Redeemer

Jesus the Perfect Image of God

Jesus answers the question, 'what is God like?'

Colossians 1:15, 19

¹⁵ He is **the image of the invisible God**, the firstborn of all creation. ... ¹⁹ For **in him** all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell...

- A. God is Just (Obedience; Cross)
- B. God is Merciful (Promise, Substitution)
- C. God is Gracious (Promise, Substitution; Adoption)
- D. God is Sovereign Over All (Submission; Resurrection)

Colossians 1:15–20

¹⁵ **He is the image of the invisible God**, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ **For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell**, ²⁰ and through him to **reconcile** to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, **making peace by the blood of his cross**.

Today's Clear Biblical Bullet...
Jesus shows us what God is like.



God is a Righteous Judge, Merciful, Gracious & Almighty

Jesus Our Perfect Redeemer

- A. We Owe God a Life Lived for his Glory (Positive Debt)
Romans 3:23–24

...for all have sinned and **fall short of the glory of God**, ²⁴ and are **justified** (judged to be not guilty) **by his grace** as a gift, **through the redemption** that is in Christ Jesus...



- B. We Owe God for Misrepresenting Him (Negative Debt)
Colossians 1:21–23

²¹ And you, who once were alienated and **hostile in mind, doing evil deeds**, ²² he has now **reconciled** in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, **not shifting from the hope of the gospel** that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

...Fired at our Life & Heart

Jesus pays what we owe, restoring us as image bearers.



C. Restored Image Bearers!

Romans 8:29

²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be *conformed to the image of his Son*, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

1 Corinthians 15:49

⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

1. Justice in Christ (Col. 1:22)

Colossians 3:8–10

⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have **put on the new self**, which is being *renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator*.

2. Mercy & Grace in Christ (Rom. 3:24 – “justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus”)

2 Corinthians 3:18

And we all, with unveiled face, *beholding the glory of the Lord*, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Matthew 18:33 (Parable of the Unmerciful Servant)

And should not you have had *mercy* on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’

Colossians 4:6

Let your speech always be *gracious*, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

3. Joyful, Humble Submission in Christ (Substitution; Sanctification)

Philippians 2:1–8

¹ So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the *same mind*, having *the same love*, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in **humility** count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests

of others. ⁵ ***Have this mind*** among yourselves, ***which is yours in Christ Jesus***, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, **he humbled himself** by ***becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.***