

CCE Basic Church: Forgiveness

Membership Questions 1 and 2

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God and without hope for your salvation except in His sovereign mercy?

2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the Savior of sinners, and do you receive and depend upon Him alone for your salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

A. Terrifying Goodness

"And God passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, The LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation." Exodus 34:6-7

There is tension between God's _____ and His _____.

On the one hand He _____ clear people who are guilty.

On the other hand, He _____ bear to see us perish.

All _____ must be paid, but He wants to free us from _____.

"There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. All have turned away...there is no one who seeks good, not even one." Romans 3:10-11

"Acquitting the guilty and condemning the innocent—the LORD detests them both." Proverbs 17:15

B. The Bible's Resolution - Legal Substitution

"For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous to bring you to God." 1 Peter 3:18

"The Son of Man came...to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45

"You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might dare to die. But God demonstrates his love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:6-8.

**If the law must be fulfilled and God must judge sin, what can be done?
A two-fold concept:**

1. He _____ we should have lived in our place, and
2. He _____ we should have died in our place.

Life Substitute: Jesus lived a perfect life. He was obedient. He loved God with all of his heart, soul, strength and mind and his neighbor as himself.

Jesus lived more than a _____ righteousness; he lived out an _____ righteousness.

"Let us fulfill all righteousness." Matthew 3:15

"I do nothing in my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him." John 8:28-29

"My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work." John 4:34

Death Substitute: When he died, Jesus experienced physical pain and death; but more, he suffered the punishment and rejection of God.

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Matthew 27:46

"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."
Romans 8:1.

See Romans 5:12-21 below

C. Receiving Christ's Righteousness

"The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They replied, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved - you and your household.'"

Acts 16:29-31.

"If you confess 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 confess and are saved."
Romans 10:8-10.

What must I do to be saved? _____.

Saving faith is more than _____ **; it is the work of** _____
_____.

GUILT AND JUSTIFICATION THROUGH “HEADSHIP”

Justification is the act of God by which we are declared not guilty, righteous and justified. Our justification comes because we have been credited with the righteousness of Christ, clothed in his righteousness. See Romans 5:12-19, below

12... **Sin** entered the world through one man, and **death** through the sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned.

15But the gift is not like the **trespass**. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God’s grace and the **gift** that came by the **grace** of one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!

16Again, the gift of God is not like the result of the one man’s sin: The **judgment** followed one sin and brought **condemnation**, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought **justification**.

17For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God’s abundant provision of grace and the gift of **righteousness** reign in **life** through the one man, Jesus Christ.

18Consequently, just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men.

19For just as through the **disobedience** of the one man the many were made sinners, so also the **obedience** of the one man the many will be made righteous.

In Adam we have:

In Christ we have:

- A-1 _____
- A-2 _____
- A-3 _____
- A-4 _____
- A-5 _____
- A-6 _____

- C-1 _____
- C-2 _____
- C-3 _____
- C-4 _____
- C-5 _____
- C-6 _____