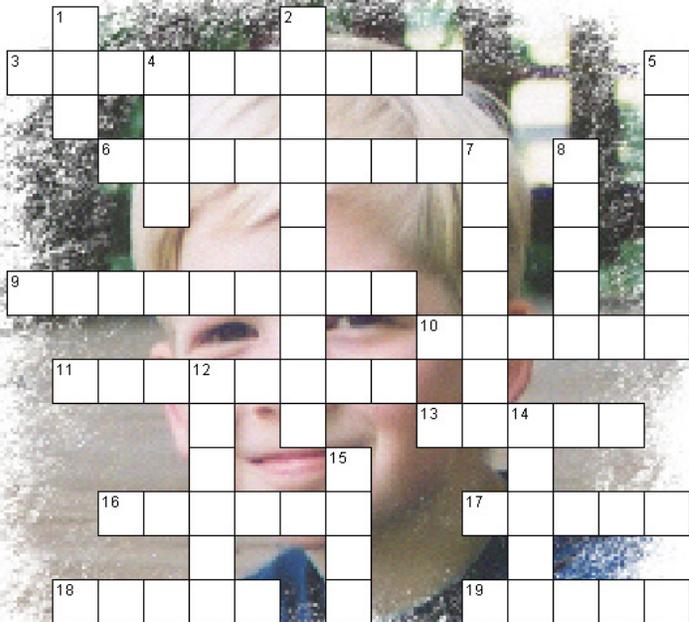


Crossword Puzzle



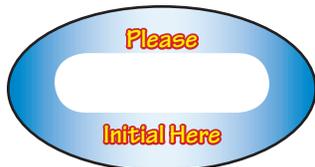
Across

3. Sin defiled man's _____ and character.
6. We no longer need to feel guilty or _____.
9. God has _____ our sins.
10. He accepted his prodigal son.
11. The _____ blood of Christ.
13. _____ Christ.
16. We no longer need to feel _____.
17. The prodigal son could not sit at his father's _____ in filthy rags.
18. As _____ as snow.
19. When we have been justified, we _____ peace with God.

Down

1. Our Father.
2. The _____ of Christ.
4. As white as _____.
5. Our sins are forgotten _____.
7. God can now _____ to all the universe that He has no problem with us.
8. It is only through our _____ in Christ that we are justified.
12. The redemption of _____.
14. The _____ of defilement in our conscience is cleansed away.
15. In God's _____ we became white as snow.

Parent's Initials:



The Truth and Experience of God's Salvation

- Lesson Ten -

God's Salvation

Christ's Redeeming Death on the Cross (3)

I. Overview.

Christ's redeeming death on the cross restored man back to God. His redemption provided the means for all of man's sins to be forgiven and washed away. It also made it possible for all who believe in Christ to be justified before God.

Because of Christ's redemption, we no longer need to feel guilty, ashamed or condemned. When Jesus Christ shed His precious blood on the cross, all of our sins were forgiven and washed away. Because of the redemption of Christ, man can now be fully approved by God.

God does not approve man based on anything that man has done or could do, but only because of the redemption of Christ. When we accept Jesus to be our Savior, we are immediately fully covered by His precious blood. This justifies us before God and we are fully approved by God.



Man is fully restored to God through the redemption of Christ.

II. Memory Verse.

"Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus."

(Rom. 3:24)

III. Lesson.

Sin brought in many problems to man. It caused man to fall away from God and His eternal purpose. Sin also created an offense between God and man and defiled man's conscience and character. Sin also brought man into condemnation. Man was guilty before God and could not be approved or accepted by God.



Man's conscience is cleansed by the redemption of Jesus Christ.

Problems Solved by the Redemption of Christ

All of the problems that were the result of sin are solved by the great redemption accomplished by Christ. By shedding His precious blood, He redeemed us back to God and we became God's rightful possession once again. All of our many sins were forgiven by God and forgotten forever. Furthermore, the stain of defilement in our conscience was cleansed away. In God's eyes we became as white as snow.

We Gain the Approval of God

Based on Christ's redemption, we also gain the reassuring approval of God. Because of sin, we were rejected by God. We were not acceptable to Him. We were all in need of a clear declaration that we were acceptable in His sight. Christ's redemption brought in God's approval. Because Christ's precious blood paid for our sins, God could approve us. His approval is called "justification." God did not forgive our sins in secret. Rather, He openly, fully and clearly, forgave us, accepted us, approved us and justified us. This was His way to declare to all the universe that we no longer had a problem with God and that God no longer had a problem with us.

An Example of God's Justification

An example of God's justification can be seen in the case of the prodigal son in Luke 15:11-32. We were all like the sinful prodigal son, who returned to his father wearing filthy rags. In no way could he be received at his father's table or be acceptable in his sight. Therefore, the first thing his father did was to cover him with "the best robe." In this way, the prodigal son was received, accepted, approved, and justified by his father. Likewise, when we believe in God's Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Savior, we are justified by God. It is only by our faith in Christ and His redemption that we are justified, not by what we do. When we have been justified we enjoy peace with God.

--- QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION ---

1. How can God justify man?

2. What did the father of the prodigal son do to show his acceptance of his son?

3. What does it mean for God to justify man?

4. What causes us to have peace with God?

