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Last week's message:

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The LARGER and SHORTER

CATECHISMS,

WITH THE

SCRIPTURE PROOFS at LARGE.

TOGETHER WITH

The SUM of SAVING KNOWLEDGE (contain'd in the Holy Scriptures, and held forth in the said *Confession* and *Catechisms*) and PRACTICAL Use thereof; COVENANTS NATIONAL and SOLEMN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of SINS and ENGAGEMENT to DUTIES, DIRECTORIES, FORM of CHURCH GOVERNMENT, &c.

Q. *What is the chief end of man?*

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God,
and to enjoy him forever.

~ The Westminster Shorter Catechism, 1646

Created by God for God's Glory

Isaiah 47:6-7

⁶I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth — ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

The Fall of Mankind:

It's no longer the way it is supposed to be

Genesis 3



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Societies the world around are currently in desperate straits trying to produce people who are merely capable of coping with their life on earth in a nondestructive manner. This is as true of North America and Europe as it is of the rest of the world, though the struggle takes superficially different forms in various areas. In spiritual matters there really is no “[Developing] World.” It’s all [Developing] World.



Dallas Willard, Renovation of the Heart

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Romans 4:1-8

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Romans 4:1-8

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What comes before “then”?

Romans 4:1-2

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Does this gospel square with Abraham's faith?

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Check your work!!

- Plug the solution into the original problem

Let's check our solution for example problem #1

$$4x+13=12x+45$$

where $x = -4$

$$4(-4)+13 = 12(-4)+45$$

$$-16 + 13 = -48 + 45$$

$$-3 = -3$$

Abraham's faith → Righteousness by faith

Romans 4:3

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A simple analogy

Romans 4:4

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Be like Abe

Romans 4:5

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A muscular man in a blue tank top is shown in profile, drinking from a colorful water bottle. The background is a solid blue color. The text "BE LIKE MIKE" is overlaid on the image in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

BE LIKE MIKE

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God justifies the ungodly!?

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God justifies the ungodly,
who do not work, but trust and (exhibit) faith.

Are You OKAY in Jesus?

Thou hast promised to forgive

All who in thy Son believe;

Lord, I know Thou cannot lie;

Give me Christ, or else I die...

I die

Worship is an affirmation,
not just that God is good,
but that God is *better*.

Are You OKAY in Jesus?

If you are in Jesus, you are okay!

What about sanctification?

How the Gospel Changes Us

2 Corinthians 3:18

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

“For us, holiness consists not in heroic acts but in a thousand small decisions. God gives us the opportunity to fill the mundane and the ordinary with his glory.”

Tim Chester, *You Can Change*



Differences between Justification and Sanctification

Legal Standing

Once for all time

Entirely God's work

Perfect in this life

Same in all Christians

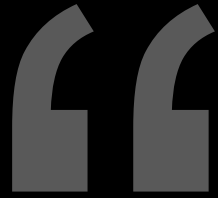
Internal Condition

Continuous through life

God and Us

Not perfect in this life

Greater in some than others



We become Christians by faith in Jesus,
we stay Christians by faith in Jesus, and
we grow as Christians by faith in Jesus.

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What about glorification?

Romans 8:28–30

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

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