

Welcome to Equip K-Groups!

Overcomers Class

Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

(1 John 5:5)

Welcome and Agenda

- **Announcements**
- **Prayer**
- **Class Content Schedule – Where are we?**
- **Romans: The Subjects of the Kingdom – Part 2**

Announcements & Prayer

Third Semester Schedule – Q1 2019



<u>Handout</u>	<u>Week</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Text</u>
✓	1	7-Jul	Acts
	2	14-Jul	Acts
	3	21-Jul	Acts
✓	4	28-Jul	Intro to Paul
✓	5	4-Aug	Romans
	6	11-Aug	Romans
	7	18-Aug	Romans
✓	8	25-Aug	1 Corinthians
	9	1-Sep	1 Corinthians
	10	8-Sep	1 Corinthians
✓	11	15-Sep	2 Corinthians
	12	22-Sep	2 Corinthians
	13	29-Sep	2 Corinthians

Romans

The Subjects of the Kingdom

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Q3 2019

Class 6

Epistle Background

Author	Paul (Tertius, 16:22)
Date	AD 57 (Near end of 3 rd Missionary Journey)
Where Written	Corinth
Audience	Church in Rome (Jews and Gentiles)
Theme	Justification
Key Verse	Romans 3:23-24

“[For] all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus”

(Romans 3:23-24)

Justification – *Importance*

- **Martin Luther:** (Comments on Galatians 2:11, Qtd in Piper, p. 13)
 - “[Justification is] **the chief article of Christian Doctrine**. To him who understands how great its usefulness and majesty are, everything else will seem slight and turn to nothing. . . . Therefore if you see this article impugned or imperiled, do not hesitate to resist Peter or an angel from heaven; for **it cannot be sufficiently extolled**.”
- **John Piper:** ([Counted Righteous in Christ](#), Crossway Books 2002, p. 14)
 - “[T]he glory of Christ is the most precious reality in the universe, and it is obscured when the doctrine of justification is lost or blurred for the people of God and the mission of the church.”

Justification – *Definition*

- **Justification:** (Millard J. Erickson, [Concise Dictionary of Christian Theology](#), Baker Book House 1986)
 - In the doctrine of salvation, the declaration that the human has been restored to a state of righteousness in God's sight.
- **Justification by Faith:** (Millard J. Erickson, [Concise Dictionary of Christian Theology](#), Baker Book House 1986)
 - Declaration that the person has been restored to a state of righteousness on the basis of belief and trust in the work of Christ rather than on the basis of one's own accomplishment
- **Justification:** (Louis Berkhof, [Systematic Theology](#), (Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing 1941, p. 513)
 - It is unique in the application of the work of redemption in that it is a judicial act of God, a declaration respecting the sinner, and not an act or process of renewal, such as regeneration, conversion, and sanctification

How can I get/be right with God?

The Dilemma and the Declaration



- **The Dilemma for Man (Rom. 3:10-20)**

- Absolute Accountability to God (Creator, Ruler, and Judge)... cf. Rom. 1:18-20
- Absolute Moral Corruption
- Absolute Inability to Seek or to Reconcile with God
- Absolute Guilt under God's Law

- **The Declaration that Solves the Dilemma (Rom. 3:21-26)**

- *But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.*

	Doctrines of Salvation (Soteriology)			Select Pauline References	
"Bad News"	Our Obligation	Holiness Required		Man's Problem <i>(Salvation Needed)</i>	Rom. 1:1-6; Rom. 12:1-2; Eph. 1:4
	Our Problems	Sin Problem	Righteousness Problem		Rom. 3:23; Rom. 3:10; Rom. 14:23
	Our Accountability	Condemnation	Death		Rom. 8:3; 2 Thess. 2:12
	Our Destiny	Wrath	Separation		Rom. 1:18; Rom. 2:1-5; Eph. 2:12
	Our Want	Deliverance	Restoration		Rom. 5:10-11; Col. 1:13
	Our Deficiency	Total Inability			Rom. 3:10-20; Eph. 2:1-3
"Good News"	Our Only Hope	God's Mercy <i>(Love)</i>	God's Grace <i>(Love)</i>	GOSPEL	Rom. 5:8; Eph. 2:1-5 [John 3:16-17]
	God's Plan	Atonement		God's Solution <i>(Salvation Prepared)</i>	Rom. 3:21-26
	God's Solution	Redemption <i>(Pardon)</i>	Justification <i>(Perfection)</i>		Rom. 3:21-26; Eph. 1:7
	God's Means	Penal/Vicarious Substitution			Rom. 5:6-11
	God's Agent	Christ <i>(Suffering/Cross)</i>	Christ <i>(Obedience)</i>		Rom. 5:6-11
	God's Process	Propitiation <i>(of Wrath)</i>	Imputation <i>(of Righteousness)</i>		Rom. 3:21-26; 2 Cor. 5:21
	God's Result	Reconciliation <i>(via Christ as Mediator)</i>			Rom. 5:1; Rom. 5:10-11
	God's Satisfaction	Justice <i>(Holiness)</i> Vindicated	Love <i>(Grace)</i> Manifested		Rom. 5:5-8; 8:1-4; 10:4; Gal. 2:20
	God's Role	Just	Justifier		Rom. 3:21-26
"Great God"	God's Selection	Election <i>(Predestination)</i>			God's Initiative <i>(Salvation Applied)</i>
	God's Invitation	Calling		Rom. 8:29-30	
	God's Work	Regeneration <i>(New Birth, New Family)</i>		Rom. 8:15; Eph. 2:5; 2 Cor. 5:17	
	God's Demand	Repentance and Belief		Rom. 1:16; 2 Cor. 7:9-10	
	How Obtained?	Grace <i>(sola gratia)</i> Faith <i>(sola fide)</i> Christ <i>(sola Christus)</i>		Rom. 3:21-26; Eph. 2:1-10	
	Penultimate Result	Eternal Life, Hope, and Glorification for the Saint		Rom. 5:18-21; 15:15; 8:29-30	
	Ultimate Result	Glory for God <i>(soli Deo gloria)</i>		Result	Rom. 11:33-36; Eph. 1:3-6
	God's Testimony	Scripture <i>(sola scriptura)</i>		Source	Rom. 15:3-4; 2 Tim. 3:15-17

Atonement – *Right Standing Before God*

- **John Piper** ([Counted Righteous in Christ](#), Crossway Books 2002, pp. 123-124)
 - “The historic Protestant view of the Bible’s teaching is that the basis of our hope for acceptance with God and eternal life is the provision of Christ for both pardon and perfection. That is, he becomes our substitute in two senses: In his suffering and death he becomes our curse and condemnation (Galatians 3:13; Romans 8:3); in his final suffering and death, and in his whole life of suffering and righteousness, he becomes our perfection (2 Corinthians 5:21). His death is the climax of his atoning sufferings, which propitiate the wrath of God against us (Romans 3:34-25); and his death is the climax of a perfect life of righteousness—God’s righteousness—imputed to us (2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 4:6, 11 with 3:21-22; 5:18-19). This meets our need for more than forgiveness. . . .”
- **“The Great Exchange”** (*John Piper devotional, <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/the-great-exchange>*)
 - **Our sin on Christ; his righteousness on us. . .** We can hardly stress too much that Christ is God’s answer to our greatest problem. **It is all owing to Christ.** [Emphasis added]

What do we say after all of that?

Soli Deo Gloria

To God Alone Be the Glory