

Power of the Blood & the Burial of Jesus Christ



THE BURIAL



A PRAYER FOR THE TIMES

2 Chronicles 7:13-15

- **13** When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people,
- **14** if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.
- **15** Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer *made* in this place.”

Justification
(God's Righteousness)
by Grace
Through Faith

Romans 3:21-26

The Most Important Doctrine in the Bible!

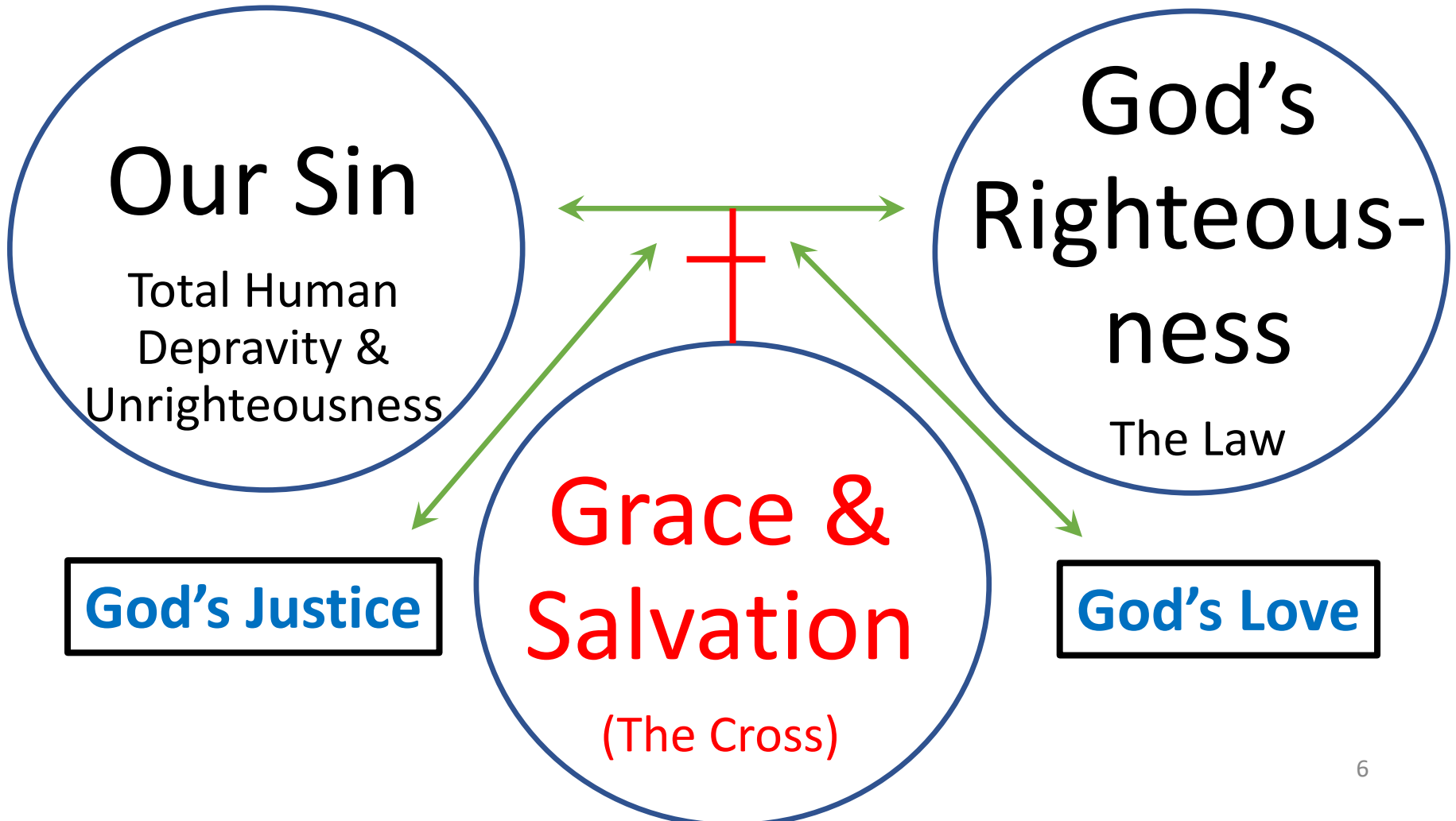
Most Important Question of Humanity

“But how can a man be righteous before God?”

Job 9:2

In other words, how can I be right with God to escape His judgement & ensure my eternal salvation? **The universal question of religion.**

Theme of Romans: Grace of God Revealed



Righteousness of God = Law

The Most Important Question of Humanity is – How Do I Be “Right” with God

- Righteous – is a Legal standing that we are judged “Right” with God – God’s perfect character is the standard by which everyone is measured (which is expressed in the Mosaic Law). It’s right living in accordance with God’s standards and laws (in **Word, Deed and Thought**).
- On our own, it’s impossible to meet the righteousness demanded by God on judgement day since it’s impossible for us to obey all the commandments in the Bible without sinning – the standard of God’s perfection is too high for us to attain (we can’t measure up to it).
- The penalty of sin is spiritual death and eternity in hell, separated from God (Ez. 18:20; Rom. 6:23)
- So, how can we ensure that when we die, we are judged “right” with God in order to avoid the punishment? This is the big question. The bible says there will be a judgement (Rev. 20: 11-15) and Jesus Christ is the judge (John 5:16-30; Rev. 7:17). Only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life (Rev. 21:27) will avoid hell. (the lake of fire).
- How can a sinner be justified (“declared righteous”) before a holy and righteous God and avoid his wrath?
- The good news of the Gospel is that God, through His grace (an undeserved gift), reconciles us to Himself and judges us legally righteous based on nothing more than Faith in His Son, who He sacrificed on the cross out of love for all mankind.
- **The Righteousness of God is only found in Christ and is Imputed to those who Trust in the crucified Jesus Christ.**

God's Righteousness Through Faith in Jesus Christ

21 But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, **22** even the righteousness of God, **through faith in Jesus Christ,** to all and on all who believe.

Romans 3:21-22

Romans 6 – Spiritual Union with Christ

- ³ Or do you not **know** that **as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?** (*this is a fact about a believer's spiritual union & identification with Christ*)
- ⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life...
- ⁶ **knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.** ⁷ For he who has died has been freed from sin.
- ⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, ⁹ knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. ¹⁰ For *the death* that He died, He died to sin once for all; but *the life* that He lives, He lives to God. ¹¹ **Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Died to Sin; Alive in Christ

- **The Law (10 Commandments) results in sin (slavery); sin results in death** (Romans 5)
 - **Christ died to sin;** (Christ paid the penalty of sin, which is death)
 - **Christians died with Christ** (baptised in His death & resurrection – Christ died in our place, so we in effect died to our old Adamic sinful self)
 - **Christians died to sin** (but Christ took the penalty)
 - **Christians are given Eternal Life** – “Alive in Christ”
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- **This free gift (grace) of God’s salvation can only be obtained by putting your faith in Jesus Christ.**

Power in the Blood

- What does “Justification by Faith” mean? Faith in what and whom?
- These scriptures lead us to much deeper understanding that **it must be faith in the CRUCIFIED Christ** (the sacrificial lamb of God John 1:29).
- Romans 3:21-26 reveals the Power in the precious Blood of the Lamb.
 - Blood Makes **Atonement** (Lev. 17:11; Gal 3:13; 1 Peter 3:18; 1 John 2:2; Is. 53:6)
 - We were **Purchased** Through the Blood (Acts 20:28)
 - The Blood **Redeemed** Us (1 Peter 1:18-20; Rev. 5:9)
 - We are **Justified** by His Blood (Rom. 5:9)
 - We are **Sanctified** Through His Blood (Heb. 13:12)
 - His Blood **Cleanses** us From All Sin (1 John 1:7)
 - We have **Peace** Through His Blood (Col. 1:20)
 - We are able to **Conquer Satan** (Rev. 12:11)



The Burial of Jesus Christ



Jesus is Buried

Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
<p>Matthew 27.57 When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: 27.58 He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. 27.59 And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, 27.60 And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed. 27.61 And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre. 27.62 Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, 27.63 Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. 27.64 Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first. 27.65 Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can. 27.66 So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.</p>	<p>Mark 15.42 And now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, 15.43 Joseph of Arimathaea, and honourable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus. 15.44 And Pilate marvelled if he were already dead: and calling unto him the centurion, he asked him whether he had been any while dead. 15.45 And when he knew it of the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph. 15.46 And he bought fine linen, and took him down, and wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a sepulchre which was hewn out of a rock, and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulchre. 15.47 And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses beheld where he was laid.</p>	<p>Luke 23.50 And, behold, there was a man named Joseph, a counsellor; and he was a good man, and a just: 23.51 (The same had not consented to the counsel and deed of them;) he was of Arimathaea, a city of the Jews: who also himself waited for the kingdom of God. 23.52 This man went unto Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. 23.53 And he took it down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre that was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid. 23.54 And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on. 23.55 And the women also, which came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid. 23.56 And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment.</p>	<p>John 19.38 And after this Joseph of Arimathaea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave him leave. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus. 19.39 And there came also Nicodemus, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound weight. 19.40 Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury. 19.41 Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was never man yet laid. 19.42 There laid they Jesus therefore because of the Jews' preparation day; for the sepulchre was nigh at hand.</p>

2 ways God operates Supernaturally

- **Miracles** (interrupts the normal order of natural law that cannot be explained by humans). These are rare.
- **Sovereign Providence** – God accomplishes exactly what he plans, prophesies without interrupting the normal order of things, but by affecting all the events, words and actions to accomplish it with meticulous precision. It is even more amazing than miracles. God's providence is constant, and means that God is sovereign and is in control of everything in the world.

Mark 15:42-47

Jesus is Buried

- The death and resurrection (1 Cor. 15) are extremely important events, but so is the **BURIAL**
- It was a SUPERNATURAL event, and is often overlooked
- The sovereignty of God is demonstrated in the burial - Jesus controlled and coordinated the burial.
- Jesus not only gave up His life at the exact time of 3 PM, He arranged His own Burial.

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- Mark 15:43 - **Joseph of Arimathea**, a prominent Sanhedrin council member, **went to Pilate in courage** and asked for the body.
- The Sanhedrin was Jesus main enemy, and Joseph was a senior member of this Sanhedrin Council.
- Anyone less than a Senior or Wealthy person would not have been able to gain access to the Roman Gov't – Pilate
- The Romans would typically give the body to the family, or the body would be thrown into the dump.
- **Luke** says Joseph was a good and righteous man who had not consented to the plans of the Sanhedrin religious leaders. **John** called Joseph a secret disciple of Jesus because of fear from the Jews. **Mark** says Joseph was waiting for the kingdom of God

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- Joseph gave Jesus his own tomb - Matt 27:60 says it was Joseph's own tomb and in Mark 15:57 says he was a **RICH MAN**
- **Isaiah. 53:9** - And they made His grave with the wicked. But with the rich at His death...
- Joseph was fulfilling God's will. Jesus had to be buried that day to fulfil Jesus' prophecy that He would rise after the 3rd day.
- By entering the Praetorium Joseph made himself ritually unclean, unlike the other Sanhedrin members earlier that day.
- Joseph actually took Jesus off the Cross, probably removed the crown of thorns and took Him away
- All the disciples and followers abandoned Him, but not Joseph

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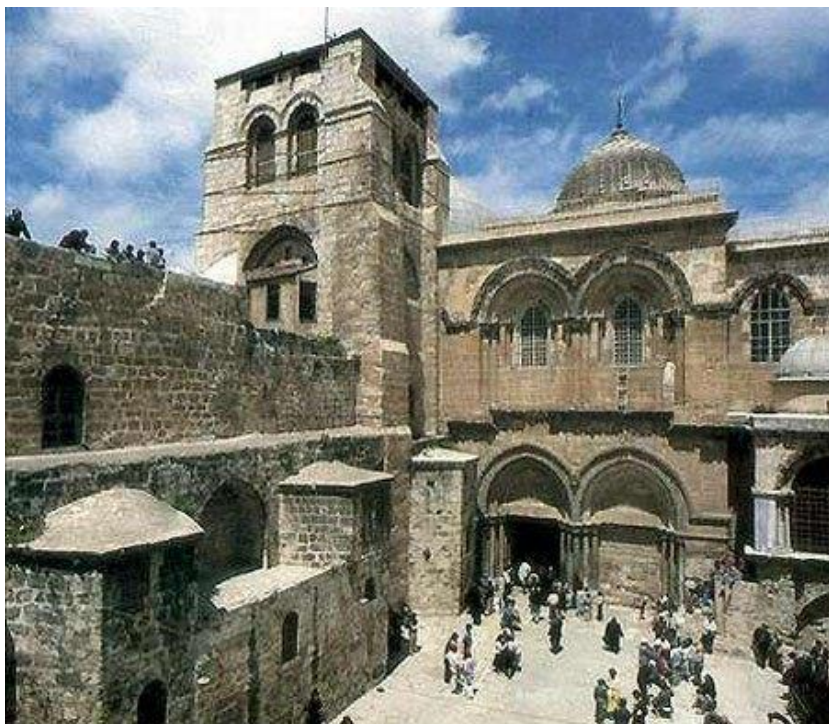
- Deut. 21:22-23 – the bodies must be removed before sundown on any day of execution
- **Nicodemus** as well was there (Joseph was not alone) – John 19:39 – also came and brought 100 lbs of myrrh and aloes – a volume fit for a king. Somewhere between John 3 and John 19, Nicodemus was born again. Together Nicodemus and Joseph prepared the body and probably paid a heavy price for their public disclosure of their love for Christ.
- Thief on the Cross was saved, Roman soldier saved, Sanhedrin (Joseph) and now Nicodemus all saved
- The group of women followed Joseph and Nicodemus to the tomb. Mark only say they watched, but Luke says “they returned to their homes and prepared their own spices” to show their love for Jesus and bring them back to the tomb.

Matthew 27:62

Jesus is Buried – Guarding of the Tomb

- The leaders miscalculated – they were worried that the disciples would steal His body.
- They met with Pilate and said He said He would rise after 3 days (proves they knew that Jesus was not talking about the temple and therefore they lied about the accusations).
- Pilate agreed to secure the grave with Roman soldiers.
- The leaders would have been better off leaving the grave open so there could have been an explanation for the missing body.
- **The security of the tomb actually proves Jesus Christ rose from the dead!!**

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gOZZaYsyx2g> - Holy Sepulchre or Garden Tomb? – 7 min

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h9oW91lv8D8> – Song – Are you Washed in the Blood