

YOU AND GOD

Fundamentals of a Very Personal, Meaningful and
Productive Relationship with God

Fundamental 3

The Greatest Provision: Salvation by Grace Alone,
Through Faith Alone, Totally Apart from our Works

PART 3

We're looking at how to enter into a very personal relationship with God

- Romans 3:23...and then verse 24!!
- Justification: Being declared righteous by God
- Leading to 3:23 is 3:20 – NO WORKS
- 3:24 – Being justified FREELY; John 15:25
- How does God do this?
- Only two ways: By grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus

- Grace: God's Riches At Christ's Expense
- All that God is free to do for us because of what Christ did for us on the cross
- Heaven is not a reward for good people but a free gift for bad people/sinners...justified freely, by His grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus
- Ephesians 2:8-9 Grace, Faith, Gift
- Not of ourselves, not of works
- Titus 3:5 Even works of righteousness!

Fulfillment of Messianic Prophecies, Promises, and Pictures

- Genesis 3:15 The Seed of the woman punished
- Genesis 22 Abraham's offering of his son Isaac
- Book of Psalms 5 Sections setting forth Messiah
 1. Chapters 1-41: Redeemer
 2. Chapters 42-72: Deliverer
 3. Chapters 73-89: Avenger
 4. Chapters 90-106: King
 5. Chapters 107-150: Blessor
- Book of Ruth Kinsman Redeemer

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- Book of Isaiah Sacrificial, substitutionary death for Israel
- John 1:12 He came unto His own
- Acts 2:22-24; 3:13-26 Peter's message to Israel
- Acts 7:51 Israel's "unpardonable sin"
- Acts 8-9 Saul of Tarsus
- If we believe we need to do something to be accepted by God = Christ's sacrifice is not enough!!

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- Christ did not come to fling the doors of heaven open, He BOUGHT heaven for us!!
- God's good news: The best of us NEEDS to be saved, the worst of us CAN be saved

Christ's final words as He hung on the cross

- Consider what Christ endured as He neared His crucifixion: ridiculed, mocked, falsely accused, betrayed
- Experienced extreme violence, was mercilessly beaten, tortured, tormented
- All at the hands of the people He came to save
- Nails spiked into His wrists and feet; bones came out of joint; He struggled to breathe: for 6 hours!!

It is during the worst of it that He spoke, not thinking of Himself, but others

- Luke 23:33-34 Father forgive them, for they know not what they do

Cities of Refuge – Numbers 35:10-15

- Luke 23:39-43 Today you will be with me in paradise
- John 19:25-27 Woman, behold your son; son behold your mother
- Matthew 24:46 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
- John 19:28-30 It is finished!

So is the history of Christ the Messiah: Philippians 2:5-8

- Ephesians 2:8-9 Not of works lest anyone should boast
Romans 3:26-27 Boasting excluded! Faith!!!
- All this answers how a just God is able to declare sinners righteous, and remain righteous
- Romans 3:24-25 Propitiation through faith in His blood
- Romans 1:18 God's wrath revealed at the cross as revealed fully by the Apostle Paul

The moment of decision