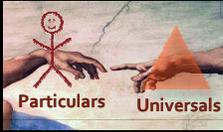


## THE CROSS PART 2

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## THE CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW



Theology		
Creation	Fall	Redemption
Cosmology	Hamartiology	Soteriology

"[A Christ-centered worldview] involves three fundamental dimensions: the original good creation, the perversion of that creation through sin, and the restoration of that creation in Christ."  
*(Albert Wolters, Creation Regained)*

## FAITH OR SIN?

Faith or Sin? Life or Death?

Rom 14:23 – faith or sin?  
Heb 12:2 – faith: looking away unto Jesus



death

sin



faith



life

**death**

boastfulness  
sensuality  
idolatry  
strife  
jealousy  
greed  
unforgiveness  
arrogance  
disputes  
factions

**life**

peace  
patience  
love  
joy  
goodness  
selflessness  
generosity  
trustworthiness

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"The cross is the symbol of death. It stands for the abrupt, violent end of the human being. The man in Roman times who took up his cross and started down the road had already said goodbye to his friends. He was not coming back. He was not going out to have his life redirected. He was going out to have it ended. The cross made no compromise, modified nothing, spared nothing. It slew all of the man completely and for good. It did not try to keep on good terms with its victim. It struck swift and hard and when it had finished its work the man was no more... In coming to Christ we do not bring our life up on to a higher plane. We leave it at a cross."  
*(A.W. Tozer, POG)*

## JUSTIFICATION BY HIS BLOOD

The Answer to the problem of *sins* and *sin*.

- Romans 1:17 and John 14:6

The Just	By Faith	Shall Live
The Way	The Truth	The Life

## JUSTIFICATION BY HIS BLOOD

God has only one answer to every human need – His Son.

In all His dealings with us, He works by taking us out of the way and substituting Christ in our place.



- How does the broken condition of humanity (Rom. 3:23; 5:12) get fixed?
  - Not by what I do (the Law)!
    - Isaiah 64:6, Romans 10:3; Galatians 2:21, John 6:63
  - One word: *justification* – God's act of declaring or making a sinner *righteous* before Him.
    - Righteous: *being* pleasing to God, of worth, of value.

## JUSTIFICATION BY HIS BLOOD

- How does the broken condition of humanity (Rom. 3:23; 5:12) get fixed?
  - By the blood of the Lamb!
    - Exodus 12:13; Leviticus 16; Hebrews 9:22 – without the shedding of blood, there can be no forgiveness.
  - The shed blood of Christ is the only grounds of our justification
    - Romans 5:8,9
  - Justification is a gift of God, not of us!
    - Romans 5:17.

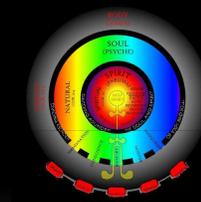
## JUSTIFICATION BY HIS BLOOD

- The threefold truth of justification through the blood of Christ.

- God is satisfied.
  - 1 Peter 1:18,19; Exodus 12:13
  - Romans 5:1 – I am at peace with God.
  - Ephesians 1:13 – I can have intimacy with God.
  - I am sealed "in Him" Ephesians 1:13,14; 2 Corinthians 1:21,22
- My own conscience is cleansed.
  - Hebrews 10:22
  - Romans 8:1 – no condemnation!
- Overcoming Satan the accuser
  - Romans 8:33,34; 8:31

## JUSTIFICATION BY HIS BLOOD

- Justification restores our relationship with God and allows Him to work in us.
  - 1 Thessalonians 5:23
  - 2 Corinthians 5:21
- How can one tell if he or she is truly justified?
  - Romans 5:17



## JUSTIFICATION BY HIS BLOOD

The Answer to the problem of *sins* and *sin*.

- Our *sins* were forgiven by the *blood* of Christ.
  - Romans 5:8-9 (Rom 3:25 – He passed over)
    - We should never try to answer Satan's accusations with our good conduct but *always with the blood of our Lord Jesus*.
- Our *sin* was dealt with by the *cross* of Christ.
  - We came into the sin nature through birth, we must go out by death.
    - Romans 6:3-4