

Jesus, the Righteousness of GodMr Felipe Tibes - October, 5th.**Summary of the Message**

We can understand how great the love of God is when we acknowledge how through God's righteousness, through Jesus' sacrifice, it was given us a chance to be saved and become children of God.

Key Verse: 2 Co 5:21**Justice and righteousness - Rm 6:23**

Understanding the difference between justice (The act of doing what is morally right and fair) and righteousness (The quality of being morally right and holy), we can comprehend that through the justice of God we wouldn't be saved and we deserve to die because of our sins God being righteousness, nevertheless, he extended towards us His mercy and grace and gives us a chance of being saved from the wage of sin, which is death.

Christ's Sacrifice - Eph 2:1-3

Being the justice of God, Jesus' sacrifice fulfilled the demands of God's justice.

Before we accept the Sacrifice of Jesus, all of us lived far from God. We don't need to be a bad person, doing bad things, we can try to live an ordinary life, doing social care, helping people. That's not enough because it doesn't depend on what you do.

John 3:16/Rm 3:22 /Eph 2:8-9

Through this truth, the only requirement for us to be justified is to believe and put your faith in Jesus. It doesn't matter where you are from or what you did or what you have done.

Mercy and Grace - Eph 2:4-5

In believing Jesus' sacrifice, we understand grace and mercy given towards us, grace being that we receive what you don't deserve for the sake of God's Righteousness, and mercy being

that we don't receive what you deserve for the sake of God's Justice.

A New Identity - Rm 8:1-2

We are no longer slaves of sin, we have been set free and we can celebrate the new identity in Christ. One way we can celebrate it is as a memorial in the Lord's Supper.

Start Talking: Spark Conversation

- 1- What is the first thing that comes into your mind when you hear the word "righteousness"? And what about "justice"?

Start Thinking: Deepen the Thought

- 1- What would you do to a person that took your place to pay for something bad you did? What that speaks about that person towards you?
- 2- What changes in our lives when we understand that we do not need to pay the price of our sins?

Start Sharing

- 1- Share a moment where you act out of mercy and grace towards people that hurt you and what were the consequences in doing so.

Start Doing: Commit to Act

- 1- How can we in practice honor God for His love and kindness towards us?
- 2- How can you apply towards yourself and to others the love that you received from God?

Praying.

Dear Lord, thank you for your marvelous love, grace and mercy towards us. Forgive us for the times when we lack on

those virtues towards others. Help us to embrace your love for us and to honor you daily for who You are and what you've done for us, and help us to show that same love and mercy towards the other. In Jesus's Name we pray, amen.

Announcements:

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