

Saved by His Life Romans 5:9-11

God, by His grace, has done some amazing things for sinners whom He has chosen to save. It is clear from our text that He **has** justified us, He **is** reconciling us, and He **will** save us (believers).

I. God has justified us through the work of Jesus Christ.

God has not, and will not justify every sinner, but He justifies those who are one with Christ. We have dealt with justification in several passages already and we find it again in our text.

(A). Jesus Christ lived His earthly life at one with us.

“In Him was no sin” (I Jn. 3:5), and Christ is also *“A lamb without blemish”* (I Pt. 1:19)

(B). Jesus Christ died on His cross at one with us (v.9).

“What can wash away my sins, nothing but the blood of Jesus” made me wonder as a kid if there was something magical about blood. I know now it is His death that is special.

“He who knew no sin became sin for us” (II Cor. 5:21). God imputed our sins to Christ.

(1). God views those who are **at one** with Christ, *“just as if they never sinned.”*

(2). God views those who are **at one** with Christ *“just as if they fully obeyed.”*

What is the evidence that Jesus atoned for my sins (lived and died for me)?

The only warrant I have to believe God justified me is **my trust in Him**.

This is why, though justification is a work of God, it is called *justification by faith*.

II. God is reconciling us through the work of His Son and His Spirit.

The word reconciliation is used three times in our text (two times in v.10 and once in v.11).

To reconcile means in English *“to come to an agreement.”* In Greek reconcile is *katallasso* which means *“to change from enmity to friendship.”* How are we reconciled unto God?

(A). **The Son reconciles us to God at the cross . . .** (v.10). All the enmity in God toward us due to our violation of the law is pacified because Christ has fulfilled the law for us.

(B). **The Spirit reconciles God to us in the heart . . .** (v.10). This is a process by which the Spirit compels us to submit to Christ, to walk after Him, and to depend on Him.

This is why it is said *“we were reconciled”* and we are *“being reconciled.”* Gill says,

“These reconciliations bring about the certain salvation of the persons reconciled.”

III. God will save us because of His resurrected, living Son --- Jesus Christ.

What does Paul mean when he says two times in our text *“we shall be saved by His life”*?

(A). **We shall be saved “from His wrath.”** A.W. Pink says, *“It is sad to find so many professing Christians who appear to regard the wrath of God as something for which they need to make an apology. It is as much a divine perfection as His love, mercy, etc. There is coming a day of wrath when sinners shall feel the righteous anger of God.”*

(B). **Justified sinners shall certainly and easily be saved from His wrath.**

“Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath”

“Much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life” (v.9, 10).

“If a dying Christ turned enemies into friends, how much more will a now living Christ keep His friends safe” **Ted Kuschel**. *“Since God has already done the really difficult thing, that is to justify impious sinners, we may be absolutely confident that He will do what is by comparison very easy, namely save from His wrath at the last those who are already righteous in His sigh.”* **Robert Haldane**.

Those who trust in Jesus Christ can rejoice in God. He has provided for our salvation!