

The Good News of God's Righteousness Through Christ (IV)

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Introduction:-

In the first message of this series, we dealt with the theme and the first major section of the Epistle to the Romans.

The theme, found in Romans 1: 16-17, is “the good news of deliverance from sin through the revelation of God’s righteousness to everyone who believes in Jesus Christ”.

The first major section of the book, found in Romans 1:18-3:20 deals with God’s condemnation of all human beings for their unrighteousness.

In the second message of this series, we proceeded through the second major section of the epistle, found in Romans 3:21-5:21. We saw that this section deals with God’s justification of unrighteous human beings through Christ, and we noted the marvelous way in which God can at one and the same time remain righteous, uphold His perfect standard of righteousness (His Law), and declare righteous those who are unrighteous in themselves, but trust in the righteousness which Jesus Christ has accomplished on their behalf.

In the third message of this series, we began the third major section of Paul’s epistle, found in Romans 6:1-8:39. This section deals with God’s sanctification of justified human beings through Christ.

In the third message we first defined sanctification both positionally and experientially. Positionally, sanctification means that all believers are consecrated, set apart to God, and are therefore properly called “holy ones” or saints. Experientially, sanctification means “deliverance from innate corruption. (It may mean more than that, but it means at least that).