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JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH.

LESSON I.

SIN AND RIGHTEOUSNESS.

1. WHAT is sin? 1 John 3:4.
2. Of what law is sin the transgression? Rom. 7:7.
3. What law says, "Thou shalt not covet"? Ex. 20:3-17.
4. How much that is not right is sin, or transgression of the law? 1 John 5:17.
5. With how much of a man's life does the law have to do? Eccl. 12:13, 14.
6. How many have sinned? Rom. 3:9-12, 23.
7. Whence comes the evil that appears in the lives of men? Mark 7:21-23; James 1:14.
8. What is the inevitable result of sin? James 1:15; Rom. 6:23.
9. Is it natural for a man to obey the law? Rom. 8:7.
10. Can a man, then, justify himself? Rom. 3:20.
11. What kind of righteousness is that which springs from ourselves? Isa. 64:6.
12. With all the efforts of the natural man, what is it impossible to do? Rom. 8:8.
13. What is necessary in order to please God? Heb. 11:6.
14. In what must we have faith? Rom. 3:23-26.
15. Why must we have faith in the blood of Jesus? 1 John 1:7; Acts 4:12.

16. What saying is worthy of all acceptance?
1 Tim. 1:15.
17. What shows our desire for righteousness and our faith in Christ? 1 John 1:9.
18. What is the only righteousness that will stand in the last day? Phil. 3:9.
19. When a man gets tired of his filthy rags (Isa. 64:6) and wants to be rid of them, what does the Lord do? Zech. 3:3-5.
20. What may a person then say? Isa. 61:10.

LESSON II.

JUSTIFICATION.

1. WHAT is the meaning of the word "justification"? *Ans.*—"A showing to be just, or conformable to law;" making or declaring righteous.

2. Who are the just before God? Rom. 2:13.

3. Then how shall we understand Rom. 3:20?

Ans.—Thus: No flesh can be justified by the deeds of the law, because all have violated it (Rom. 3:19), and it is impossible for any flesh to keep the law. Rom. 8:7, 8.

4. How, then, can we be made righteous? Rom. 3:25.

5. In what condition are men before they are justified by grace? Eph. 2:1.

6. How does God regard sin? Hab. 1:13.

7. Yet how does he regard men even while they are sinners? Eph. 2:4, 5; John 3:16.

8. By what is it, then, that we are justified? Titus 3:5-7.

9. Since there is no good thing in man by nature, what may be said of one who trusts in himself? Prov. 28:26.

10. For whose benefit did Christ once speak a parable? Luke 18:0.

11. What two men went into the temple to pray? Verse 10.
12. How did the Pharisee pray? Verses 11, 12.
13. What was the prayer of the publican? Verse 13.
14. What were the two features of his prayer? *Ans.*—Confession of sin, and asking for mercy.
15. Which of the two went home justified? Verse 14.
16. If one asks mercy from God, what will he receive? Matt. 7:7-11.
17. What is mercy? *Ans.*—“Disposition to overlook injuries, or to treat an offender better than he deserves.”
18. How great is God’s mercy? Ps. 36:5; 108:4; 103:11.
19. For whose sake does the Lord pardon sin? Isa. 43:25.

LESSON III.

POWER OF FAITH.

1. As Jesus was going to the house of a ruler, who came behind him? Matt. 9:20.
2. How firm a hold had the disease upon her? Luke 8:43.
3. What did she now do? Matt. 9:20.
4. Why did she do this? Verse 21.
5. What took place as soon as she touched his garment? Luke 8:44.
6. What question did Jesus immediately ask? Verse 45.
7. Why did this question astonish the disciples? —*Ib.*
8. What shows that the woman’s touch was different from the accidental touch of persons in the crowd? Verse 46.

9. What did the woman then do? Verse 47
 10. What did Jesus say to her? Verse 48.
 11. What does this miracle show? *Ans.*—The power of faith.
 12. For what purpose were Christ's miracles recorded? John 20:30, 31.
 13. What miracle shows plainly that the miracles of healing were to manifest Christ's power to cleanse from sin, in answer to faith? Matt. 9:2-7.
 14. When Jesus healed the blind man near Jericho, what did he say to him? Luke 18:42.
 15. What did he also say to the sinful woman who showed great love for him? Luke 7:48, 50.
 16. Could the afflicted woman mentioned in Luke 8:43-48 have healed herself?
 17. Could the sinful woman mentioned in Luke 7:37-50 any more have cleansed herself from sin?
 18. What does Christ say to all who are burdened with sin? Matt. 11:28, 30.
 19. Then how should we respond?

“Just as I am, without one plea
 But that thy blood was shed for me,
 And that thou bidst me come to thee,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

“Just as I am; and waiting not
 To rid my soul of one dark blot;
 To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.”

LESSON IV.

DELIVERANCE FROM BONDAGE.

1. WHO was present as Jesus was talking in a synagogue one Sabbath? Luke 13:10, 11.
 2. What did he say to the afflicted one? Verse 12.

3. As soon as he laid his hands on her, what resulted? Verse 13.

4. Who accosted Peter and John on a certain occasion, as they were entering the temple? Acts 3: 1-3.

5. How long had the man been unable to walk? Verse 2; 4: 22.

6. When the man looked on the disciples, expecting alms, what did Peter say? Acts 3: 6.

7. What was the result? Verses 7, 8.

8. How were the people who knew the man affected by this miracle? Verses 9-11.

9. Whom did Peter then begin to preach to the people? Verses 12-15.

10. Speaking of Christ, how did he say the lame man had been healed? Verse 16.

11. How are sinners like the woman who was bound so that she could not lift herself up? Ps. 40: 12.

12. What binds them? Prov. 5: 22.

13. In what respect are all men in the condition of the man who was impotent from birth? Rom. 7: 18; Gal. 5: 17; Ps. 51: 5.

14. In what condition are all sinners? John 8: 34; Heb. 2: 15; 2 Peter 2: 19.

15. How was the crooked woman made straight? Luke 13: 12, 13.

16. How was the impotent man made strong? Acts 3: 16.

17. For what purpose were these miracles recorded? John 20: 30, 31.

18. What is the special work of Christ? Isa. 61: 1.

19. What power does he exert over sin? Micah 7: 18, 19.

20. What is necessary in order to gain the blessing of the Spirit? Luke 11: 9-13.

21. What can one say who, having asked in simple faith, has received? Ps. 40: 1-3.

LESSON V.

THE VICTORY OF FAITH.

1. WHO came against Israel in the days of Jehoshaphat? 2 Chron. 20: 1, 2.

2. What did the king and the people do? Verses 3, 4.

3. With what recognition of God's power and goodness did Jehoshaphat begin his prayer? Verses 6, 7.

4. What evidence have we that only by such prayers can we please God? Heb. 11: 6.

5. After recounting God's power and goodness, and the evil designs of the enemy, what acknowledgment and request did Jehoshaphat make? 2 Chron. 20: 12.

6. Upon whom did he say the eyes of Israel were fixed?—*B.*, last clause.

7. What does God say to all? Isa. 45: 22.

8. How did the Lord answer Jehoshaphat's prayer? 2 Chron. 20: 14, 15, 17.

9. As the Israelites went forth early in the morning, what did Jehoshaphat say to them? Verse 20.

10. After consulting with the people, what did he do? Verse 21.

11. What took place as soon as they began to sing and praise? Verse 22.

12. What did the Israelites show by their singing and praising as they went out to meet the enemy? *Ans.*—That they believed the promise of the Lord that he would fight for them.

13. Of what scripture, then, was this event an illustration? 1 John 5: 4.

14. Have we similar promises that God will fight for us in our battles with sin? Ps. 34: 7; 37: 4-6; 50: 15.

15. What does the divine power of Christ bring to us? 2 Peter 1: 3.

16. What do these precious promises do for us? Verse 4.

17. But in order for these promises to be of any profit to us, what must we do? 2 Chron. 20:20, last part.

18. And if we believe God's promises, with what will our prayers be accompanied? Phil. 4:6.

19. Who are they who glorify God? Ps. 50:23.

20. What two exhortations, then, should we keep if we would always do the will of God? Eph. 6:10; Phil. 4:4.

21. If we thus rejoice in the Lord, what will be the result? Phil. 4:6, 7.

LESSON VI.

THE LOVE OF GOD.

I. 1. IN what does the Lord delight? Micah 7:18.

2. How is his mercy continually manifested? Lam. 3:22, 23.

3. Is his mercy limited to any special class? Acts 17:25; Matt. 5:44, 45.

4. How has mankind repaid him for his love? Rom. 3:23; Isa. 1:4-6.

5. While all men were in this condition, how did God still further show his love for them? John 3:16; Rom. 5:8.

6. Is there any difference between the love of the Father and that of the Son? John 10:30; 14:11.

7. Of what was Christ's earthly ministry a manifestation? 2 Cor. 5:19.

8. Into what relationship to God does his love bring us, if we accept it? 1 John 3:1

9. What is given us to show that we are sons?
Rom. 8: 14-16.

10. What is the witness of the Spirit that God accepts us as his children? *Ans.*—His word, which his Spirit inspired.

11. What does the Holy Spirit beget in the hearts of those who receive it? Rom. 5: 5.

12. If the love of God is shed abroad in the heart, what effect will it have? 1 John 3: 16; 4: 11.

13. How much should Christians love one another? John 15: 12; 1 John 3: 16.

14. What exhortation is based on Christ's love for us? Eph. 5: 2.

15. If we have the love of God, will we love only those who love us? 1 John 4: 10; Matt. 5: 43-46.

16. Why do we love God? 1 John 4: 19.

17. Did he first love us because of our goodness? Titus 3: 3-6; Eph. 2: 1-6.

18. Why does God thus send his blessing upon us? Acts 3: 26.

19. What may we expect if we are children of God? Heb. 12: 6-8; Rev. 3: 19.

20. From what God has done for us, of what may we be sure? Rom. 8: 32.

21. What is God's love able to do when enemies curse? Deut 23: 5.

22. How enduring is God's love? Jer. 31: 3.

23. Can anything turn this love aside? Rom. 8: 38, 39.

24. Then, trusting in his love, how confident may we be of victory? Verse 37.