PAUL PREACHES JESUS — ACTS 13:14-41

3 JESUS: THE JUSTIFIER OF SINNERS

Sin

v.38-41

Jesus
The Just and the Justifier
(Romans 3-4)

- In those days, there was a tremendous sensitivity among the Jews to sin.
- Every week they met in the synagogue, and they read the Bible and you know what it talks about? Sin.
- They knew God didn't like sin at all, and they were very aware that sin had tremendous consequences.
- The penalty for sin in the Old Testament was very often death.
- Every Jew knew God was merciful, gracious, and forgiving, but at the same time it was so temporary.
- He would get forgiveness, then he goes right into the sin again and be under the same pressure again.
- The law never really satisfied anything, and so they never had a clear conscience. They always felt condemned. For example, David said, “My sin is ever before me” (**Ps.51:3**).
- The Law is good because it condemns. It shows us our need for something greater.
- Paul says I have the message of forgiveness you have been waiting for, that Moses could not bring.
- Forgiveness takes care of the DEBT OF SIN, but justification puts a “credit” on OUR ACCOUNT before God.
- Believers are acquitted from the consequences of sin, and seen by God as fully justified.
- God looks at you, if you have put your faith in Christ, and He does not see you; He sees Christ.
- History is God's recovery process, and Jesus is the only One who can solve the problem (**He.2:9**).
- As a Christian the one thing we should very much enjoy is a conscience free from guilt.
- It's a wonderful thing to know that my sin has been dealt with by God's Son Jesus Christ.
- You can't work on being righteous. The only righteousness that will ever get you into heaven is God's righteousness. And that is only through Jesus Christ.
- When we're in Christ by faith, then all that he is becomes ours.
- Paul closes with this warning. Beware, if you don't believe it, God's going to work a work of judgment which you won't believe.

SALVATION: GOD'S COMPLETE WORK

Past/Received	Present/Working	Future/Completed
Justification	**Sanctification**	**Glorification**
Saved From the Penalty of Sin	*Being Saved in Our Daily Walk From The Power of Sin*	*Will Be Saved From The Presence of Sin*

1 JESUS: THE CULMINATION OF HISTORY v.14-23

Identity

2 JESUS: THE FULFILLMENT OF PROPHECY v.23-37

Hope

3 JESUS: THE JUSTIFIER OF SINNERS v.38-41

Sin