

17. Were Adam and Eve guilty or not guilty of breaking God's command? In study 2 what word did we see is used to describe this?

18. What sentence did God promise in Genesis 2.17, pronounce in 3.15 & 3.17-19 and execute in 3.24?

We see in Genesis how the sin of Adam spread to all. Without the grace of God we are enslaved to sin, under wrath, attacked by the serpent, separated from God and facing death, judgment and wrath.

But Christ undoes all the effects of the Fall. By grace, through faith in Him and His blood shed for us, we are **justified**, being counted not guilty. He has broken the bonds of sin so that we are **redeemed** (set free), at the cost of His blood. We are therefore **saved** (rescued) from the power of sin and will be **saved** from sin's consequences - eternal death and the wrath to come. We are likewise **delivered** from the powers of darkness and though still harassed by them need no longer fear them. And so we are no longer enemies of God but have been **reconciled** to Him by the blood of the cross.

Pray

Pray for our Easter services that we would be reminded of all that the death and resurrection of Jesus has won.

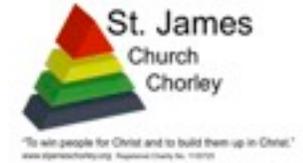
Pray that as cards are put through people's doors inviting them to the services so some would be stirred to come, would hear the gospel and by the grace of God believe in Christ.

Pray for the work God has given us to do as individuals and churches, entrusting us with a message of reconciliation, and to proclaim the gospel that others might hear and believe.

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Gospel Words

Week 5 - Saved & Reconciled



The Rescue Service

1. Have you ever witnessed or been part of a dramatic rescue?
2. The Greek word *sozo* is usually translated as 'to save' meaning to rescue. But sometimes it is translated differently. In Acts 4.8-10 it occurs at the end of v9, how is it translated? What has this man therefore been saved from?

A similar meaning can be found in Mtt 9.21-22, Jn 11.12 etc. Whilst in Acts 27.31 Paul talks about being saved from a storm.

3. In Matthew 1.21 what did the Angel say is the significance of Jesus' name?

Read Romans 1.16-18

4. What is the power of God for salvation and how does someone tap into that power?
5. These verses do not say directly what we are saved from but is it fair to say that we are saved from the wrath of God (v18)?

Read Romans 10.8-17

6. What are we told in these verses about how we are saved?

7. Verse 10 isn't saying that justification and salvation are two completely separate things. Rather this is a typical Hebrew parallel where two similar things are put together to give the complete picture. But what does it imply about how true faith shows itself?

8. From verses 14-17 what is the work God gives to us in helping other people be saved? How well do you think we are doing it?

Read Romans 5.1-11

9. What do verses 9 and 10 tell us about what we will be saved from?

10. How does this compare with the teaching of Jesus in John 3.36?

The Bible generally talks about justification as something done when we believe, but about salvation as something past/present (Rom 10.10) and future (Rom 5.9-10)

*Elsewhere we read that through Christ we are **delivered** from "this body of death" (Rom 7.24), 'death' or 'deadly peril' (2 Cor 1.10), 'this present evil age' (Gal 1.4), 'the power of darkness' (Col 1.13) and 'the wrath to come' (1 Thess 1.10).*

The Bureau de Change

11. Have you ever used a bureau de change? What did you exchange?

The ancient Greek word katallasso meant to change money. By New Testament time it has a specific meaning of exchanging enmity into friendship so we normally translate it as "to reconcile".

12. How does Romans 5.10-11 talk about this? What are we without Christ and how has Christ changed things? How does Paul describe the result of this change in Rom 5.1?

13. How does Paul describe this change in **2 Corinthians 5.17-19**?

14. Do you recognise yourself in these two passages, what you were before and after you believed?

15. How does the passage in 2 Corinthians show us the work that God gives us to do in helping people to be reconciled to Him?

Some would like to say that the enmity is only on our side but in the Bible we see clearly and regularly the fact of God's wrath.

Finally back to the beginning

16. What was the command God had given Adam (**Genesis 2.15-17**)?