

“Ornaments” – Part 3

THE PEACEFUL ORNAMENT

“White”

Week #1 – The Black ornament – OUR SIN

Week #2 – The Red ornament – HIS SACRIFICE

Week #3 – The White ornament – PEACE

“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...” Romans 5:1

PEACE ‘ROBBERS’

“Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

Matthew 5:48

a) PRIDE

b) SELF-PITY

A THIRD OPTION FOR PEACE: Get JUSTIFIED

“being pronounced free from blame or guilt.” - Webster

‘the legal and formal acquittal from guilt by God as Judge.’

- Vine’s Expository Dictionary

‘an instantaneous legal act of God in which he thinks of our sins as forgiven and Christ’s righteousness as belonging to us.’

- Wayne Grudem

JUSTIFICATION = “Just- as-if” I’d never sinned!!

‘Perfect’ ...not thru works, not thru law, not thru religion, or self effort!

You can BE ‘PERFECT’ *only* because HE IS PERFECT!!

GOD’S PRINCIPLE OF “CREDIT” - Romans 4:2-8

“Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.”

1 Cor. 6:9-11 (NIV)

THE BENEFITS OF BIBLICAL JUSTIFICATION:

Romans 5:1-2a, 6-11 (NIV)

1. We have been saved from God’s Wrath
2. We are at peace with God
3. We are reconciled with God
4. We now have access to our Father

HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND?

2 Cor. 5:16-21 (NIV)

- Receive the Benefit of Being IN CHRIST personally
- Participate in the ministry of RECONCILIATION
- Be an AMBASSADOR for peace
- INVITE a friend to come and meet Jesus this Christmas