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Week 6 – The Work of Christ

Introduction:

Article 5 – The Work of Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ, as our representative and substitute, shed His blood on the cross as the perfect, all-sufficient sacrifice for our sins. His atoning death and victorious resurrection constitute the only ground for salvation.

Christ's Finished Work: How God Relates to Me

1. _____ = "You're good enough for Me!"
Romans 3:10-12; Isaiah 64:6
2. _____ = "I'm not angry with you!"
1 John 2:2; John 3:17
3. _____ = "I paid the highest price for you!"
Galatians 3:13; Romans 6:14
4. _____ = "I set you apart for my glory!"
John 17:17, 19; Ephesians 2:8-10
5. _____ = "I hold nothing against you!"
Hebrews 10:11-14
6. _____ = "You are re-made and brand new!"
Galatians 2:20

The Bid Idea:

All of these realities are gifts of God's grace, things we simply receive the moment we trust in Christ as Savior. Water Baptism is a public declaration of this inner transformation.

QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS AND PERSONAL REFLECTION:

Personal Life:

1. Why do you think so many Christians equate salvation with little more than “going to Heaven someday?” What were your earliest understandings of the concept of “salvation?” Discuss...

Ponderings:

2. The gift of righteousness means that we are forever “good enough for God” because of what Christ accomplished. What practical impact does this reality have on daily life? Discuss...
3. The gift of propitiation is God declaring that His righteous anger against our sin has been fully satisfied in Christ’s sacrifice. Why is this so important for us to embrace as we learn to walk with God? Discuss...
4. The gift of redemption means that God paid the highest price for us, freeing us from the slave-market of sin. Do you think most believers truly understand this? And if not, what are the consequences of failing to live with this confidence? Discuss...
5. The gift of sanctification is God setting us apart for His glory and purposes. What practical difference does it make whether we truly believe we are set apart for a Divine purpose? Discuss...
6. Forgiveness means that God holds nothing against us, because He has “let go” of the offense caused by our sin. Why do you think so many Christians live only partially convinced of God’s forgiveness? Discuss...

Promptings:

7. The gift of regeneration is the result of being “born again” spiritually. Regeneration makes us brand new creatures at the spirit level of our being. What difference does it make whether we walk in that assurance on a daily basis?

How might your daily experience look differently if you lived with a massive conscious awareness that you are truly a new creation at the core? Discuss...