

WEST SUFFOLK BAPTIST CHURCH

4 April 2021

Resurrection Sunday

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Hymn #: 156 "Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Today"

OT Scripture Psalm 19

Hymn #159 "Christ Arose"

NT Scripture Mark 16

Hymn #164 "Look, Ye Saints"

Message: **"Raised for Our Justification"**
(Romans 4:25)

Hymn #230 "Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands"

The Lord's Table

Benediction

Wed Evening: "The Coming Kingdom"
Isaiah 21

Next Lord's Day: "The Baptism of Saul of Tarsus"

A note for parents of small children: Our church encourages its members and our visitors to include their children in our worship services. We understand that this practice will result in some distractions from time to time, and that forbearance and patience are required by all. Our foyer and all classrooms are equipped with speakers in order to serve as worship service behavior training areas or as cry rooms, as necessary. Please be mindful of others who may be being distracted from worship and avail yourselves of them.

Romans 4

23 ...the words "it was counted to him" (Gen 15:6) were not written for his (Abraham's) sake alone,
24 but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him (God) who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord,
25 who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Atonement is the gracious reconciling work of God, in the Person of His Son, Jesus Christ, that occurred by virtue of the Son's voluntary, substitutionary, once for all, death on the cross, out of His love for sinful men.

Justification is the establishment of a sinner in a righteous standing before God...the language of scripture points to justification as God's action in declaring His people righteous and placing them in a state of legal perfection before His law on the basis of the righteousness He provided freely for them in Christ.

The entire doctrine of gospel assurance depends on the fact that Christ's atonement cannot fail to accomplish its end. Christ did not merely attempt to bear away our sin; He did it. He did not seek to redeem us; He did it. The cause and effect inherent in the message of the cross in passages such as 2 Cor 5:21 is clear. All for whom Christ was made sin must of necessity be made the righteousness of God in Him. His suffering cannot be in vain.

Dictionary of Theological Terms (1998)

Those God effectually calls He also freely justifies. He does this, not by infusing righteousness into them but by pardoning their sins and accounting and accepting them as righteous. He does this for Christ's sake alone and not for anything produced in them or done by them. He imputes Christ's active obedience to the whole law and passive obedience in His death as their whole and only righteousness by faith. This faith is not self-generated; it is a gift of God.
2LCF (1689) 11.1

The supper of the Lord Jesus was instituted by Him the same night He was betrayed. It is to be observed in His churches to the end of the age as a perpetual remembrance and display of the sacrifice of Himself in His death. It is given for the confirmation of the faith of believers in all the benefits of Christ's death, their spiritual nourishment and growth in Him, and their further engagement in and to all the duties they owe Him. The supper is to be a bond and pledge of their communion with Christ and each other.
2LCF (1689) 30.1