

American Gospel: Christ Crucified, Chapter 8 Additional Notes & Scriptures

INTRODUCTION

The Church as the Army of God

Thoughts or follow-up on the reality of the best description of the Church as the army of God?

Learning Communities

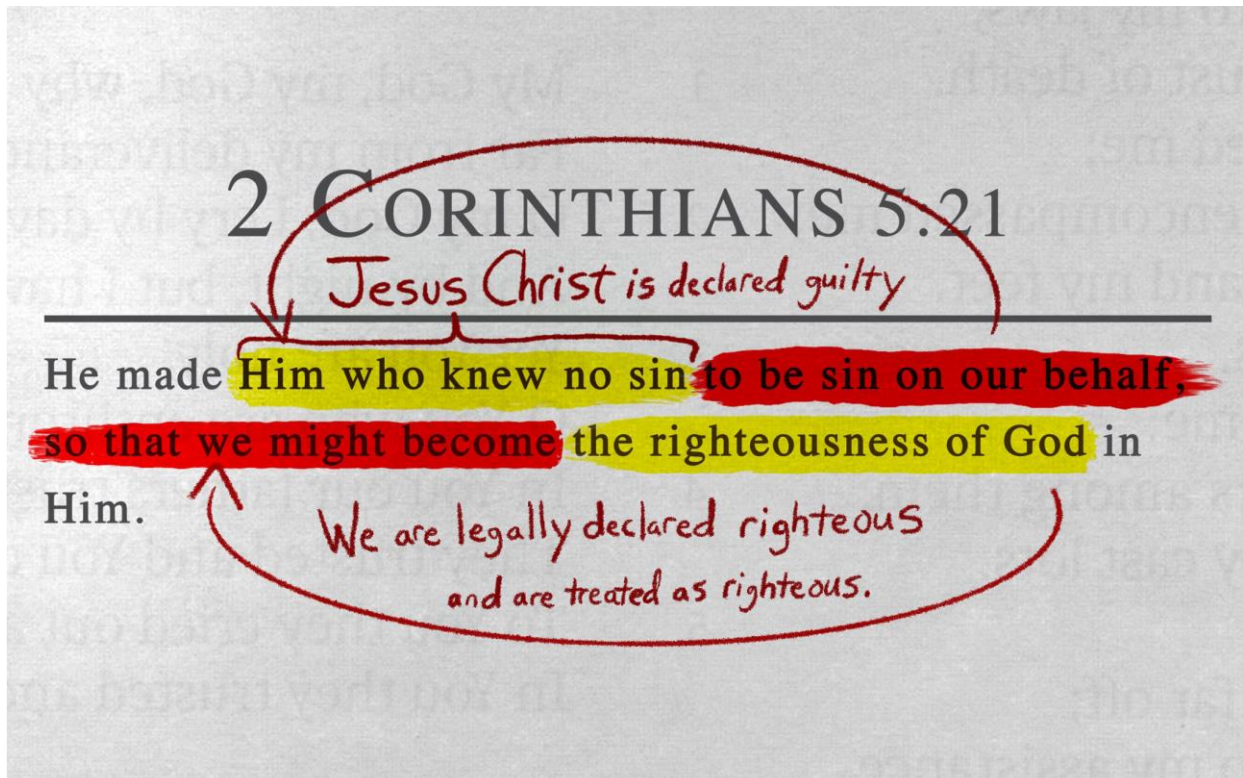
What are Learning Communities about? Being the church, especially prepared to make hard, counter-cultural choices in the coming days so that we stay strong for Jesus no matter what.

“Live Not By Lies,” by Rod Dreher describes people who stood strong under persecution when other “Christians” compromised. John Stonestreet on breakpoint.org summarized them as people who had:

1. A strong, dense community with a sense of belonging
2. Clarity of what is true no matter what society says, nailing it down in advance so that when they need to stand for truth they are ready
3. Love for their enemies

Themes in chapter 8

- † We should have a deep appreciation for what God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, has done for us as we recognize how Jesus took the wrath of God for us out of His indescribable LOVE.
- † We must accept that God is beyond our comprehension. Acceptance that God is beyond us
Isaiah 55:8–9 (ESV) ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.
- † It is God’s righteousness upon us, not any righteousness that we have done.
That will motivate us to live for Him, not cause us take Him for granted and do what we want



QUESTIONS 1-5, 2:18:20 to 2:23:19

2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV) ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

1 John 1:8 (ESV) ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Question 4

Point #1: Paul says it is a legal term that means that the moment a person believes, “God legally or forensically declares them to be right with Him and treats them as right with Him.”

Point #2: Your sin was “Imputed to Christ” (see Appendix on imputation), meaning it was transferred to Him so that he could be your substitute. Paul says, “God legally or forensically declared His Son to be guilty in our place and treated Him as guilty.”

Point #3: Jesus on the cross did not “become corrupt or defiled or twisted or sinful, He was always the spotless Lamb of God.” Paul Washer is foremost describing God’s declaration of a sinner to be righteous based on the work of Jesus Christ, which is the doctrine of justification. Justification is very closely tied to another doctrine that is embedded in this verse and described by Paul Washer—it is the doctrine of double imputation, which is when your sin placed on Christ and Christ’s righteousness given to you.

Question 5

Isaiah 53:5–6 (ESV) ⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

1 Corinthians 15:2–4 (ESV) ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,

1 Peter 3:18 (ESV) ¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,

QUESTIONS 6-9, 2:23:19 to 2:28:39/

Matthew 26:38–39 (ESV) ³⁸Then he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me.” ³⁹And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.”

Jeremiah 25:15 (ESV) ¹⁵Thus the Lord, the God of Israel, said to me: “Take from my hand this cup of the wine of wrath, and make all the nations to whom I send you drink it.

Mark 15:33–34 (ESV) ³³And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. ³⁴And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Isaiah 53:10, “But the Lord was pleased to CRUSH Him, putting Him to grief.”

Matthew 3:15 (ESV) ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented.

Job 9:32–33 (ESV) ³²For he is not a man, as I am, that I might answer him, that we should come to trial together. ³³There is no arbiter between us, who might lay his hand on us both.

QUESTIONS 10-13, 2:28:39 to 2:33:18

John 19:30b (ESV), “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Acts 2:23 (ESV) ²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.