

Sound the Jubilee VIII

The Power to heal Relationships

Romans 4:25

25 He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

We know – died – resurrected?

We know – Christ died for our sins – exhausted every wrath – took resp

Do we know – resurrection – shows that – Fully paid - we are justified – meaning – have the righteousness of Christ

When he was raised from the dead, indicates Christ has fully paid for my sins

2 Corinthians 5:21

21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Know – pract implication

He gave us his righteousness – Bible college – knew it as a theological truth

Didn't realise - great

PRACTICAL consequence

First powerful **pract** impact – power to heal rel –

w God and w one another

Priority – first area – fruit of our womb - **How?**

Riches man in S'pore

Own much of Orchard Road – later years – go to court against his sons – he has lots of wealth – not pros

Righteousness makes us real and warm

Romans 15:7 So **warmly** welcome (**accept**) each other into the church, **just as** Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified. TLB **Righteousness makes us real and not pretend to be spiritual or perfect**

Why is it imp't to be real?

“just as” Studies - shown – why kids in Christian home – how some eventually embrace the faith

Not the **SCH** – no diff bet public and christian sch

Parents understanding real world, my world – **real** - laugh

REAL: Laugh, joke, eat, play, make mistakes, don't put on false front, walking in **grace**

If I have a **problem** – will und

NOT REAL cannot **build** rel – **shandai** all day – house dirty unkept – can't feed kids – yet going around seeing visions

Righteousness makes us warm people, respecting and accepting people that are different

How can we be “warm people”?

How to communicate our warmth?

Danger of an protected environment kids – don't face the real world – in the world but not of the world

Can't handle differences and **diversity**

when people say – oh such and such a place sch – great place to **raise** kids – **live** – everyone just like me

Imp't to raise kids – warm – accepting and respecting differences

Teenagers - **respect** – **accept** difference – will accept and respect **themselves** – won't feel **inferior** 32 26 32 – 5'11”

PRECIOUS - wont gave up – boys – attentive – feel princess – prove - say

Studies - root cause They will then **value** themselves and not give up their sanctity and virginity easily

Boys, sometimes, can be very **persuasive**, making girls to **feel** like a princess by their attentiveness while you treat your own girls as “Ah Moi”

But **keep** on treating them as **precious**

If a boy say – you **proof** your love by letting me touch you

Tell kid to say – if you really love me, you will respect my body – not object of your wild uncontrollable **animal** instinct

Boys need to learn to **behave** as a **prince**

Studies after studies have shown that premarital sex is the main reason for **broken** marriages in the west

Way to raise kids that are ... - we ourselves have to treat them with – **warm** & positive comm w **kids** – little sis - friends

Let them **express** feeling – don't jump at them and be - prosecutor – judge – preacher – **Respect** feeling – **right** or wrong – real – listen – feel **imp't** – **precious** - address issues later

When kid comes back and said: nobody pay attn to me ...

Don't shut down off – did this – didn't do that – don't be kid's prosecutor – preacher - listen – stilling learning - immature

Talking about adults – who wants great breakthrough – rest and cast cares to Jesus not man

This is dealing with kids - **Different from adults - Jericho**

Asian mum and dad do love, but the kids **don't feel** – not just that Asian are **less expression** – hugs and kiss

don't have open and **warm** **accepting** comm. – need correct **communication** – otherwise – the consequence - bad

TAPE - Story – **communication** show imp't of proper comm

Get the relationship **TAPES** – order or down load on line

Righteousness makes us secure and attractive

Eph 1:5-6

5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved. NKJV

Accepted: charitoo – grace, favour, accepted

You are as **fully** accepted as

Jesus was

SECURE in righteousness – you **grow** in life and relationship

How do we grow in our life, relationship when we are secure?

Secure - won't be **stressed** over what people says or think or do

- Some people – **praise 9** - crushed

Praise – cloud 9

Criticise – crushed

You don't **trust** me eh?

RESULT:

Cannot **receive** correction – rob - growth

– **successful business**

Most successful business – secure in what they are – Xians of all – should be the most secure

– great PR dept – listen to customers feed backs

Secure in what they do

Sarai – insecure – dorm – strife and bitter – one word – **FROZEN** - until touched by grace

Sarai - Seen such people – **one** word – frozen one week

If you have your **worth** in Christ – **praise** – tear – OK - why **bother:** sees –

The One that sees perfectly – loves you infinitely

Confident - God loves - accepts me, I love me, if you don't - your problem

Greatest temptation – question who we are – ADAM

SECURE in righteousness – you radiate deep **inner** beauty

won't need to use the **possessions** to gain a sense of importance

Significance – **IN** – to be **accepted** in that category of peo

Seen such people – latest **BMW**,

Drive beside you – rev the engine – lots of noise – bef light hits green – gone

– only to be **stuck** at the next traffic light.
You catch up eventually – smile - pity – why pity – got his sense of worth from a mass of metal – pitiful
Pitiful – worth with junk of metal and plastic
PROMISE – to give you something – can't – only be disappointed
Key to Sarah's attractiveness - 1 Peter 3 - **Gentle and quiet restful spirit**
No matter how beautiful – if inside is full of insecurity – the ugliness will show
90 – 2 kings after her
Hard to talk w such – watch every word
Some wo analyse and exegeses their husb's words or action for days
Rest – get over – don't get stuck – one word – one week silence
Dominating – you marry Hagar
Controlling and scheming – it's all your fault
Experience grace - laugh– relax
learn to rest – relax
Want to see great things – major radical **changes** in people – rest more
Smile more, relax more, laugh more
NOW Sarah learn to take things easy
Learnt to take things easy – not taking words to heart
Rest – **aurora** of beauty – shine out
Secure – **submits** with grace
Righteousness makes us proactive to people's weakness
Heb 10:2
For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no

more consciousness of sins. NKJV
Why not be sin conscious
How does sin consciousness damage relationship?
Guilt - **damage** your rel
Harsh & critical like
Pharisees – hard? Hard on themselves – think God is hard on them – got to work work work – **guilt – frustr**
Harsh on peo – think God is harsh on them – press peo down – make themselves feel good
Spoil and indulge in people
Guilt – buy a lot of things
Probal with Samson – even special from birth
- Samson's parent never discipline – restrain him - die young
So – do not be **harsh** nor **indulging**
How to deal with weaknesses?
Proactive to set the boundaries
Why do you think of all people, God chose Abraham – be father of many nations?
Gen 18:19 For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they KJV
Anti Christ voice - fashionable to be rebellious
Kids do you know that:
Fathers are divinely **called** to set the **boundaries** – along with it - divine **auth** - set **house rules** – time in – car – net – homework
What happen when we don't respect boundaries?
If you rebel- **resent** the boundaries – you rebel against **divine** auth and you **walk** out of the covenantal blessings!
Becos the key reason why Abraham was chosen – he will command
There are **boundaries** in – country (if rebel – jail) – company (if don't follow – career jeopardised) – family (rule – if rebel – walk out of covental blessings – Paul: things not go well)

What if the one called is not worthy of our respect or obedience?
But Pas – my father is not worthy of my respect
Fact: no one is worthy but he is called
Moses and Abraham – not perfect – yet called
When Miriam (Num 12) rose up and talk against Moses – leprosy.
There is a way to communicate differences:
1 Timothy 5:1
1 Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers,
God is not against Miriam differing with Moses but against the **manner** – she rose up and spoke against Moses – causing division (robbing people of the commanded blessings)
One can disagree without being **disagreeable**
Yes, present your differences properly and after that – **pray**
God can change the person OR he can change you. You may be wrong!
Don't play God and try to **remove** those God has called. God is their master, he can remove him without your help
Remember the 2 guys that tried to **steady** the ark – they dropped dead immediately.
No one is worthy – hence – the boldness to command – standing not in our righteousness but in the righteousness of Christ
Time in or out – ½ hr on net **after** homework
There are going to be rules and boundaries everywhere you go – company has company rules, country has country rule – getting used to it now – help you in adjust in the future

What happened if we take the role of setting the boundaries too lightly?
Some man – takes the role too **lightly**– Oh my wife handle discipline – only one word – pondan –
HARSH? Got to earn money what - pondan
– Sorry, just try to **emphasise** a point
Yes, wife – can **HELP** in the discipline – she is helpmate in every area – but man has divine call and **responsibility**
Certain things cannot be re-delegated, like you reproductive function
How many would say – oh I am too busy – wife – reproduce with this man – no!
The reason why God called Abraham – he knew he would command his children – the very minute we don't command– we out of the covenantal blessing
But single mothers – not worry – God will give you grace to do both roles
Proverbs 19:18
Discipline your son, for in that there is hope; do not be a willing party to his death.
Biblical **disciple** brings **life**
If don't command– willing party to his death - give him everything he wants (he wont learn to take NO positive, in fut, in the work place – he will throw tantrum at boss that say No – there goes the end of his career)
Willing party – you never train to take **resp** (don't know handle household chores – quarrel with spouse – end of marriage)
Willing party – you pick up all his mess. Kids get up late – give excuses to teachers. One day – you wont be able to pick up the mess
Pick up everything he messed up.
let him face the teacher himself and go to detention class, not you go and explain, Forgot books – didn't do home work - don't rush to school
Woman visited son in jail - supermarket
“Why didn't you spank me the first time that I steal – from the supermarket

– that woman is a willing party to his death

Biblical discipline brings **security**

otherwise, feel **unloved** – **insecure** – **can't dev soundly** in life

- sis don't love me
never force me to study
Grow up feeling unloved
when no discipline - Need to know their boundaries to feel loved

Let them know that rights come with responsibilities. Set house rules and boundaries and enforce it.

Kids used to respect rules will adjust well in life and work place.

– everywhere - company

Biblical Discipline – not just rod – main - **Word** not **force**

Read – go through Bible – even on bed – questions – pray

Involves **Rod** – esp **kids** – younger days - only understand pain and pleasure – not **anger**

Do wrong – pain

Do right – pleasure

Discipline must be **firm**

State the rule – you one or two warning – **enforce** with tough love - **supermarket**

Practise “tough love” like the prodigal son's father.

– kids so noisy – feel like waging

– store up the **computer**, cell ph, car – a week or so

Speak into life – advice - appropriate time behind closed doors in your room – kids **fear** this more than **rod**

Firmly say – you may not like what I say – think I am not worthy - I have to divine call (along with it auth) to do this – room or a comfortable place in an appropriate setting - **listen** – **respect** ideas and feelings –

Enforce with **grace**

Every time kids misbehave – cane?

- kids may just be too **tired** –

attention

– occasionally indulge a bit – like TV time (30 → 35 min OK)– don't want to give impression – MR NO give you – firm **NO** when imp't issues at stakes

Under no circum – opp sex allowed without adults around – car out alone - no disrespect of elders – good manners- good morning, etc

Oh pastor, I don't feel I am worthy or able to command. Hence, need to be established in the righteousness of Christ

Proactive to expect restoration

Some feel – not worthy – did all the wrong things
- when person sins – **not end** of the road

Feel **hopeless** – can't be used
Man men of God – **colourful**
past – yet God used

there is hope. Don't let **guilt** control. Devil will tempt them to sin more as they feel dirty, so they got to do more dirty things

It's jubilee – new beginnings

Catherine Kuthman – divorced – ma a married man, etc. yet ...

See princess – righteous – not **dirty**

Moses – murderer – hiding backside – lost all self confidence

Joseph – boast

Jacob – cheated – inheritance

David – adulterer – murderer

Rahab – prostitute

I don't like the **way** God use – da – oh God **shouldn't** use such – too late – great result

Rom 5:11

11 Now we rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God - all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done in dying for our sins-making us friends of God. TLB

Lesson on communication

In the days when you couldn't count on a public toilet facility, an English woman was planning a trip to a colony. She has booked a small guest house owned by the local schoolmaster.

She was concerned as to whether the guest house contained a WC. In England, a bathroom is commonly called a WC which stands for "Water Closet".

The school master, not fluent in English, asked the local priest if he knew the meaning of WC. Together they pondered possible meanings of the letters and concluded that the lady wanted to know if there was a "Wayside Chapel". So the schoolmaster wrote the following reply:

Dear Madam,
I take great pleasure in informing you that the WC is located 9 miles from the house. It is located in the middle of a row of pine trees, surrounded by lovely grounds. It is capable of holding 229 people and is open on Sundays and Thursdays.

I suggest you arrive early. There is, however, plenty of standing room.

It may be of some interest to you that my daughter was married in the WC as it was there that she met her husband. It was a wonderful event. There were 10 people in every seat. It was wonderful to see the expressions on their faces. We can take photos in different angle.

I look forward to escorting you there myself and seating you in a place where you can be seen by all.

With deepest regards, The Schoolmaster.

The woman fainted reading the reply..... and she never visited!!!!

Staff duty