

# ~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

## What does it really mean?

Justification. We've read it in scripture. We've talked about in bible studies. We've invented clichés to describe it. But, do we truly know what it means? "Just as if I'd never sinned" is one of the most poignant clichés to describe it, but is that all there is to it? If all our attention is focused on what we've *already done* and that Jesus' blood only covers those sins, there's always that question in the back of my mind of whether or not He'll cover sins I've never even thought of yet. In Romans 5: 1 the word 'justification' is mentioned. The same Greek root word for justification is 'righteousness'. If you were to ask how many Christians feel righteous there would be few that would answer "yes", and yet...we ARE righteous IN Christ Jesus. Something **magnificent** happened at the cross of Calvary. Jesus Christ removed ALL our sins. He removed them as far as the east is from the west and cast them into the uttermost parts of the sea. They're gone...ALL of them, even the ones we've not yet committed. Not only did he remove our sins on the cross, but he imparted his own righteousness onto US. We're not righteous because we're good...we're righteous because Jesus gave us **His** righteousness. Look at those first two verses: *"Since we have been justified = [made righteous BY FAITH] we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through HIM we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God."* While it's true that we cannot completely understand the bigness of our salvation (because it's so magnificent) we can certainly understand the bigness of our sins. But you and I need to understand and appreciate that Jesus' sacrifice on the cross dealt with our sin problem and continues to do so every day we live. Have you surrendered yourself to the only remedy for sin that exists? Have you given your life to Christ? Without Him you won't have peace. Without Him you won't have access to obtain holiness. Without Him you cannot stand. Without Him there will be no rejoicing.

*Have a blessed day and remember the One who gave it to you!*

*Kevin*

## News and Notes

**Elders/Preachers/Deacons Meeting** will be held on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM.

**Song Night** will be TONIGHT at 6:00 PM..

**Covered Dish Luncheon** – There will be a Covered Dish Luncheon on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> immediately following the morning service. Please bring your favorite covered dish and join us! Everyone is welcome. We will not be having evening services that day.

## Prayer Requests

♥Continue to pray for Judy Securo, Joann Hall, Darrell Freeman, Margaret Brand, Pat Morris, Vicki Nuzum, Edwina Summers, Noah Miller Jr., Randy and Margie Kisner, John Pheasant, Sharon Little, Kaylyn Lipscomb, Buck Osborne Robert Moore, Edith Gull, Lynn Matheny and Betty Markovich.

♥Our sympathy is extended to the Pat Morris family. Pat (Mark Nuzum's father in law) passed away last week. His memorial service was held in Mannington on Friday.

♥A long-time friend of Kevin & Mary Lough passed away last week as well. Tonya Stevens' funeral was held on Friday in Clarksburg.

♥Jerry Musgrove had balloon surgery and a stent installed this past week at Ruby hospital.

♥Rolle Sullivan (Dolly Ford Sullivan's husband) was admitted to Ruby hospital this past week. Please keep this entire family in your prayers.

♥Continue to pray for Marian King (Karen Tucker's mother).

♥Gentry Vass (mother of one of our Nursery School children) had her surgery. The tumor from her spine was removed and further tests concluded that it was benign.

♥Please keep Kevin & Mary's nephew (Nicholas Lough) in your prayers as he recently joined the Army. Nick was sent to Georgia for basic.

♥Mary Ann Lipscomb asks that we keep David Lemon in our prayers. David recently suffered a massive heart attack and was taken to Mon General.

♥Edwina and Jerry traveled to Pittsburgh on Thursday for further tests. Continue to keep Edwina in your prayers!

## Baby Shower

All ladies are invited to attend a Baby Shower in honor of E.Bie Titchenell on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00 PM at Calvary Baptist church in Grafton. E.Bie is registered at Target and Walmart and is having a boy. Please bring a package of diapers for the diaper raffle. If you need directions, please see Cliff or Mary.