

Hebrews 8:10-13 A New Covenant, Part 3 (A New Start)

Ever remember when you were a kid – Game/ sports – **DO OVER** – that didn't count – I was distracted – or I slipped or the wind was blowing. - - mistake

DO OVER!!!! { My wife does that now in games!

In golf it is called **Mulligan** – hit a bad shot and someone says – “**take a mulligan**” –

A)What does that mean – it is a do over – that first shot – is not counted – it is like it never happened.

B)I Love mulligans – and I need mulligans – I love it when I hear – “**take a mulligan.**”

1)My Dad would just throw down another ball – “hit another one.” – **Ok – I am not going to argue**

C)Mulligans can really lower your score

Well, in the Christian life – God gives us a Mulligan

A)He calls it **Justification!** “Just as if you never sinned!”

B)That didn't count – didn't go on the record

C)We are currently going through the book of Hebrews – We have camped out here in ch.8

1)Consider this all important subject called the NC

Rd v.10-13

Focus: Jesus is a better minister / Priest – because He has established a better Covenant – based on better Promises. THE NEW COVENANT.

A)We have noted that there are three key components to this new covenant

B)The first is **A New Heart** – Internal work – not you fix the outside and then come to me –

C)God says no, I am going to do a work on the inside of you/ start with the Core of your being – The heart
1)An internal work – is going to affect the outside

#2 A New Part – A whole new relationship with you.

A)The OC said – do this – perform and then you can know Me

B)But in the NC – God says – You can know Me because of the performance of Jesus

C)**His performance is perfect.** – You are now placed in Christ – covered in the righteousness of Christ
1)So you can know me and live in relationship with me.

D)Note: **This NC will come true for all of Israel during the millennium** – See Jesus correctly

1)But applies to anyone who believes in Jesus now

E)Jesus Passover/ not of His arrest – This is the cup of the New Cov. – Made for you.

**So New Heart – New Part and the best element – #3
A New START V.12 “For I will be merciful to their
unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless
deeds I will remember no more.”**

Justification: what does it mean to be Justified ?

A)The Word Justification in the **grk is Dikaioo** . It is
a term of **Jurisprudence - It is a legal term**

B)Ever watch law shows – **Reasonable doubt – if you
can prove reasonable doubt – Acquittal**

1)Person might be guilty – Just couldn't prove it –
JUSTIFICATION IS NOT THAT.

C)**Nor is it a PARDON** – Pardon – You are found to
be **guilty – but Judge shows you mercy and
forgiveness**

1)You are let off – Still on record – you are a pardoned
Criminal

D)Justification means **that the Judge declares you
Righteous { More than Not guilty**

1)No crime/ no offense/

E)**The Judge Declares you RIGHT ON !!!!!** It is like
the crime / the sin never occurred – no record
whatsoever of any wrong ever being done.

F)Race – you ran, failed miserably – no record

**There was a man in England who put his Rolls-
Royce on a boat and went across to the continent to
go on a holiday.**

While he was driving around Europe, something
happened to the motor of his car.

He called the Rolls-Royce people back in England and
asked, "I'm having trouble with my car; what do you
suggest I do?"

Well, the Rolls-Royce people flew a mechanic over!
The mechanic repaired the car and flew back to England
and left the man to continue his holiday.

As you can imagine, the fellow was wondering, "**How
much is this going to cost me?**" So when he got back
to England, he wrote the people a letter and asked how
much he owed them.

He received a letter from the office that read: "**Dear
Sir: There is no record anywhere in our files that
anything ever went wrong with a Rolls-Royce.**"

That is justification.

Psalm 103:10,12

**“He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
Nor punished us according to our iniquities. 12 As
far as the east is from the west, so far has He
removed our transgressions from us.”**

How far is the East from the west – Immeasurable – no end in sight infinite : **God chooses to put out of His Remembrance**

A) Not just that He is not dwelling on them / completely **REMOVED/ gone**

B) Amanda Playing w/ Calculator- **CLEAR !!!!!**

C) JUSTIFICATION

Day of atonement: Two goats/One Slain – one led out **The two goats picture beautifully the work of redemption in Christ**

A) **One was killed sig.** The requirement met/ wages of sin is death – w/out the shedding of blood there is no remission / **Signified Sins were forgiven**

B) **The One led out sig.** **Sins being forgotten taken away ... to be remembered no more** Puts it out of God's remembrance

1) That is exactly what Christ accomplished for us on the Cross / thru which He established this NC – Sins Forgiven / Sins Forgotten

So that everyday in the NC is a NEW START !

A) What is so amazing about this is what the Bible says about us prior to coming to Christ

Romans 3:23 **“for all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God,”**

B) Sin = to miss the Mark – the archers – the Bulls eye – perfection

1) So anything that was short of Perfection was sin – Missed the mark

C) Now no one doubts this statement : we all know that we have sinned

D) So no matter who you are / or how unrealistic your appraisal of yourself might be – **FACT – WE HAVE ALL SINNED**

1) Everyone of us w/out exception has missed the mark of perfection

Now here is where some pp like to split hairs – they argue – “ I have sinned but I am not a Sinner” I am not a bad person – I am a good Person.

A) Think of it this way: speeding – If the speed limit is 70 – but I am keeping up with the **“flow of traffic”** – going 75 – **“Am I speeding?”**

B) I always use that argument – **“going a little fast honey”- Just keeping up with the flow – dangerous**

C) Now If I am going – 1 mile over the speed limit can I get a ticket – not should – can I ? – Yes

So this is how we think about speeding – I am just like everyone else – keeping up with the flow

A) **“I am not a speeder** – sure I speed sometimes – but I am not a speeder – not a bad driver.”

“You should have seen this guy on the freeway yesterday – going over 100mph – **Weaving** in and out of traffic – almost caused 3 wrecks – note that is a bad driver.”

“Where were the cops, man – to bust that guy.

I get a ticket for going 75 when the speed limit is 70 – now I am labeled a Speeder. Not fair!”

E)Again – the speed limit is 70 and you are going 72 –Are you breaking the law? YES!!!!!!!

God’s law – His standard:

No other gods before me- is there something you are more passionate about than God? – GUILTY

Don’t take God’s name in vain – Swear word – Swearing – I swear to God – trivial things

Do not murder –

Do not commit adultery –

Honor Mom and Dad – Ever disrespected your parents – spoke in unkind/ sharp tone/ GUILTY

{**Honor parents even when you yourself / adult**}

Steal – Ever taken a pen / left work early

Bear false witness – Lie – White lie – Does this make me look fat – No – but it doesn’t make you look skinny either. – More flattering outfits

Covet – Wanting something – Position: car/ house

Jesus took it one step further – not just the actions it is the attitude of the heart –

A)Murder – Angry without cause – Murder

B)Looked on a women to lust after her – to desire her sexually – Same as adultery.

C)My Pt. – All have sinned – do sin – miss the mark – and that makes us sinners

Does that mean that you are a Bad person? Not if you want to compare yourself w/ other pp.

A)But that is not the standard – the Standard is a holy God – { God does not measure goodvs bad/ Santa

B)God made the standard so we could see that we fall short – sinners in need of a Savior!

C)Because all along He Planned on providing a Savior – someone to pay the Price.

1)So we could be justified

Romans 3:23-26 “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God set forth as a propitiation {Satisfaction}by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, 26 to demonstrate at the

present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Just Judge – Sin had to be paid for – but also the **Justifier** { the one who paid the price.

When Billy Graham was driving through a small southern town, he was stopped by a policeman and charged with speeding.

Dr. Graham admitted his guilt, but was told by the officer that he would have to appear in court.

The judge asked, "**Guilty, or not guilty?**" When Dr. Graham pleaded guilty, the judge replied, "That'll be 100 dollars -- ten dollars for every mile you went over the limit."

Suddenly the judge recognized the famous minister.

"**You have violated the law,**" he said.

"The fine must be paid--but I am going to pay it for you." He took a 100 dollar bill from his own wallet, attached it to the ticket, and then took Dr. Graham out and bought him a steak dinner!

"That," said Billy Graham, "is how God **treats repentant sinners!**"

What God does is even better – see that ticket went on Billy's record – but your sin – wasn't just paid for by Jesus, it is abolished by Jesus{ Gone!!!!!!

JUSTIFICATION

2 Cor 5:19 **God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself,**

Optional analogy – for a different setting

A Young man is cruising the streets of Vista – going a little fast – say 110 / ran 3 red lights / Knocked over a few mail boxes – led the police on a little pursuit

A)Day of his arraignment comes led into the courtroom – hear his fate looks up at the bench – the judge is his dad

B) He thinks great – my dad will take it easy on me / the judge rendered his decision. *'Your reckless driving,' has endangered the people of our community. Consequently, justice must be served ,giving you the stiffest penalty which is \$ 10, 000, or 3 years in jail*

C) **The Young man is Shocked** / Dad what are you doing – you know I don't have any money – how could you do this to me

D)Just as the Balif was about to lead the boy away the judge stepped down from the bench / took off robe stood by son / **Wrote the Check**

1Tim 3:16 *great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh,*

The Implication is Fantastic

A) I am no longer scared or embarrassed to come before God because I know that I have **been Justified**

B) Not Just FORGIVEN I have been **DECLARED RIGHTEOUS**

C) **Consider the Contrast : If I am only forgiven pardoned – my whole attitude is different –**

- 1) I know that God forgave me but I feel like such a jerk / being around Him makes me feel uncomfortable / reminded of what I did

D) **Lord I am such jerk / I am such a loser / thank you for forgiving me / I will try not to cause you any more trouble**

But I am never ever going to seek to get close to the Lord under those conditions

A) But when God declares – You are righteous / Justified – Your sins are forgiven & forgotten put as far as the E. from the West / Justified

B) **Been Robed in the Righteousness of Christ** – which means I have the proper attire to enter into God's Presence

- 1) **Dinner at a Fancy restaurant?**– where they make you wear a Jacket / if you don't have one – they give you one

C) **All the same color – they don't fit right – everyone knows that you didn't come prepared – that you really don't belong { NOT NOW – NOT HEAVEN**

- 1) God Clothes us in the Righteousness of Christ – Perfect fit – YOU Belong/ WELCOME

Lets go back to the golf analogy for a minute!

A) I come home and my wife – says – so how did you play – I say – great I shot an 87 – 72 par –

B) **Great she says:** but I know – that my 87 includes four mulligans – four do overs –

1) Really – a 97 or a 107 – so I am not really being honest – a little delusional

C) That is not what God is suggesting – You really are a rotten person – but lets pretend

No He is saying- You are Righteous – there is no record of your sin – covered by Jesus

A) So now I want to **encourage you / New heart** and Empower you – **THE SPIRIT** – to be what I have made you – RIGHTEOUS

B) But what about when I still sin? Great question – because we do still sin.

C) **Remember when Jesus was on the cross – the Romans wanted to speed up the death process**

1)Break the legs – Jesus was already dead –

So they didn't break His legs – fulfilled prophecy – not a bone broken

A)But that was also an important symbolic – action –
See - Blood is produced in the bone marrow

B)Not a bone broken was a symbolic way for God to say – there will always be a flow of blood –

1)The blood of Jesus will always be there to cleanse your sin.

C)So when you sin – Confess – {say the same as – own it – not rationalize – just keeping up with the flow of traffic}

D)Not, well I did this because my wife did – that – No you own your sin – I am guilty

1)You take the steps to repent – cut off that relationship – remove that thing from my life

E)God says: 1 John 1:9 **“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”**

JUSTIFIED -

Hebrews 8:13

“In that He says, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.”

Rom 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

Walking in the spirit vs walking in the flesh here – the context in Romans is all about – Our place in Christ

A)Justified by faith in Christ's work Ch. 5

B)Walk in the Spirit – Confidence is going to be in that – What Jesus did. His performance

1)As long as that is the case – NO CONDEMNATION

C)The minute I start thinking – God is going to bless me accept me – Justify me – based on my performance

1)There is condemnation – why?

D)My performance is never good enough – I am always condemned –

Rejoice –today – New Start

Not saved – Jesus in heart – fresh start

2 Corinthians 5:17

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

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One last thing: This might upset some of you! –See, the Doctrine of Justification must affect the way that we deal with People.

A)In Body of Christ there is always going to be conflict – family – pp – sinners.

B)When wronged – I am called to forgive – Jesus forgave me – I need to forgive them.

1)Unforgiveness –grows into bitterness and bitterness destroys pp.

C)So forgive them –

Reconciliation comes through repentance!

A)Person comes says – I am sorrow – should not have done that/ said that

B)We need to accept that – Believing – ok – if truly sincere –in God’s eyes – JUSTIFIED.

1)How can I, why should I continue to hold over their heads?

C)**Forgiveness – mandatory / Reconciliation** comes thru repentance

D)Trust is regained – over time and with consistent behavior. –

1)See, I can forgive someone / Reconciled thru repentance.

E)But trust is going to take time – Jason hits me
As we close today – communion – think about everything that Jesus has forgiven you of.

A)He declares, you are justified.

B)Forgive –

C)If there has been repentance – Be reconciled –

D)Ask the Lord to help you trust

Pray that we would be a community of believers – living and walking in the new covenant

A)Free in Jesus – Secure of our relationship – confident of God’s love

B)Reminding each other – to walk in the spirit

C)When we sin – Reminding: There is forgiveness Confess, own it!

Communion – celebrate today: New Heart
New Part
New Start

Not saved: Don’t partake

Get saved!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!1