

Just as I Am

Romans 3:23-26 - For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. (KJV)

Giving Honor to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. To All of God's sons, daughters, and children. Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow. As we take a look at the text, Romans 3:23-26, I'd like to tag this sermon with the topic "Just as I Am." Just as I am without one plea, but that Thy Blood was shed for me. And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee. O Lamb of God. I Come! I Come!

All have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious plan. What makes us acceptable to God? Well, Romans 3:3, says "God treats us all the same; all, whether Jews or Gentiles, and that we are made righteous with God through our faith. It's important that we become right in our relationship with God, not by doing what the law commands, but by believing... Yes, believing in Jesus Christ. It is our faith in the Lord that makes us whole. According to the text, Jesus is the propitiation of our sin (debt). Yes, Jesus paid it all for us. The Lamb of God, who took away the sin of the entire world. His blood was the atonement (payment) for all of our sins. (Rom.3:23-26) So, Yesss, turn it over to the Lord and come to Him, Just as You Are.

Remember, all have sinned and missed the mark or come short of the glory of God. We are not perfect. So, our redemption comes through our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. You must believe in the Lord Jesus, that you might be accepted by God through faith in Christ and not by your ability to obey the law. Sin, come on somebody. Sin separates you and I from a Holy and perfect God. God cannot fellowship with sin. But faith in the Lord Jesus removes our sin and makes us holy and acceptable in the sight of God.

Isn't it a blessing to come to the Lord in faith, *just as you are*.

Hallelujah!!! You may say it seems like there are some issues, problems, situations, and circumstances that you're dealing with at this very moment and need to be worked out ... turn it over to the Lord.

Beloved, come to the Lord 'Just as You Are.' There is no pretending with God. You can tell the Lord all about it and leave it right there. Now, the Lord is a Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. (2 Cor. 3:17) The Lord is so faithful and just. My brothers and sisters, the blessing of the confession of our sins to the Lord brings about a change in our lives. You see, when we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

As we reflect on the goodness of the Lord and the fact that our God loves us, forgives us of sin, and allows us to come to Him – Just as we are. We also have an opportunity to show love and forgiveness to others, especially those that we may not have gotten along with in the past. Whoa, help us, Lord Jesus. Romans 14:1-3, says “Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations. For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, eateth herbs. Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him.” (KJV) My brothers and sisters, grow in the love of the Lord our God, accept Christians who are weak in faith, and avoid arguments about what they think is right and wrong. Turn to the Word of God (The Bible) and allow the Holy Spirit to lead your thoughts, understanding, and conversation. Let us show love, not condemning others based on the foods they eat or abstain from, because God has accepted them. Let us strive to accept each other, just as Christ accepted us all, then God will get the glory. So let us welcome each other into the body of Christ, just as Christ has warmly welcomed us all; then God will be glorified.

In closing, God wants you to come to Him “Just as You Are.” All have sinned and come short of the Glory of God. You may be saying: *Life is messed up, but here I am. Got some problems, but here I am. Got some can't help it's, but here I am. Got some brokenness, but here I am. Every time I try to do right, I keep falling down, but here I am.* The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life. The Lord Jesus Christ is

available to you today. Come to the Lord, Just as You Are. Just as I am without one plea, but that Thy Blood was shed for me. And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee. O Lamb of God. I Come! I Come!

For God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son so that anyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16) May the Lord Bless You in the Newness of Life, in Jesus Name. Amen!!!