

**Date:** November 24, 2024

**Fall Message Series:** “Learning To Love Like Jesus”

**Today’s Message:** The True Christ Followers Loving Foundation

### 1. God’s Loving Kindness

John 6:44

Romans 3:10, 11

Ephesians 2:8, 9

**Paraphrase:** “You have been saved by faith and even this faith is not from within you.”

**TRUTH:** “This” whole plan and process of salvation is “by grace thru faith”: All provided by God’s infinite loving kindness.

Ephesians 2:10

Ephesians 3:10-12

### 2. God’s Most Precious Gift

Romans 1:16, 17

Romans 3:20-22

**“But Now”** (v.21) - Brings hope to everyone when there seemed to be No Hope: Divine righteousness, God’s own — is given to us!

Romans 3:22-25

#### God’s Gift of Righteousness

1. “And this is true for everyone who believes...” (v.22)

⇒ **Righteousness** — receiving faith has only one object— Jesus Christ!

2. “All have sinned and lack the glory of God” (v.23)

⇒ We were made in God’s image to bring Him glory — but by sinful rebellion — we lost this glory and so cannot live in the presence of God.

3. “He did this thru Christ Jesus when He freed us from the penalty of sin” (v.24)

⇒ **“Freed”** means “without a cause” - in a way wholly unearned and undeserved.

**DO NOT** start thinking your belief is the reason you are saved — or you will stop looking at Christ alone and be very disturbed.

**CRUCIAL TRUTH:** Faith is only the instrument by which you receive salvation, not the cause of your salvation.

4. Righteousness comes “thru faith in His blood” (v.25).

2 Corinthians 5:21

**BEWARE:** An angry God without grace never motivates us to live a godly life: You will feel angry, defiant, driven, and unloving because fear cannot produce love.

**The Wonder of Christ’s Cross:** It satisfies both the love of God and the justice of God.