**The Cross and Our Salvation: How God Saves His People – Outline #4**

*Suffering Servant: Isaiah 53 (Part 4 – 53:10-12)*

##### Characteristic #5:

#####  He was crushed but \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Ray Ortlund:** "the death of Jesus Christ was more than a human plot; it was a divine strategy."

**What exactly is justification?**

* ***Justification*** *is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ act of declaring or making a sinner*

*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_before God.*

**See 2 Cor. 5:21.**

Hymn: Here is Love

*Here is love, vast as the ocean, loving kindness as the flood,*

*When the Prince of life, our ransom, shed for us his precious blood,*

*Who his love will not remember? Who can cease to sing his praise?*

*He can never be forgotten throughout heavens eternal days.*

*On the Mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide,*

*Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide,*

*Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above,*

*And heavens peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.*

**Ray Ortlund:**

*“the Jesus who suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and buried, to quote the apostle's Creed, also rose again from the dead and now is seated at the right hand of God the father Almighty. With supreme power and every moral entitlement, Jesus Christ is acting as the executor of the saving will of God for our guilty human race. He isn't suffering anymore. He is offering for sale was complete. And right now, today, all over the world, he's enjoying the satisfaction, the sheer pleasure, of making many ungodly people to be accounted righteous.”*

**He goes on...**

*“the cross isn't a dreamy religious ideal; the cross is a power, it's working. The one who descended to unimaginable depths is now enjoying the spoils of complete victory. He's actively saving guilty people today. He treats transgressors as his friends and shares his victory with his former enemies. He stands before the father, making intercession for the very ones who drove him to death. His cross is a power that evil cannot conquer or even understand, but to God it is everything. Nothing will ever rob Christ of his hard-won right to justify the ungodly. Who else can love you so miraculously and helpfully? Who else would willingly serve as your scapegoat?”*

***This is the power of the cross.***

**See “The Application of Salvation in Time” handout**