More than Saved

(Lord's Supper talk)

Saved

- Luke 19:10 -- Jesus came to "seek and to save the lost."
- John 3:17 -- God sent His Son into the world that the world might be saved through Him.
- Acts 4:12 "There is no other name [but the name of Jesus] by which we can be saved."

Saved

- "Saved" (Greek: Sozo) means:
- To save one from perishing; to make well, heal, restore to health...
- To preserve one who is in danger of destruction; to save or rescue.
- Matt 14:30 Peter sinking, "Lord save me!"
- Mark 5:23 Jairus' daughter was "made well."

Saved

- Our sins were killing us, but God has saved us from grave danger.
- Rom 6:23 He has pulled us out of death's grasp.
- Col 3:10; 1 Pet 5:10 -- We are being fixed, restored, strengthened.

<u>Justified</u>

- Rom 5:1 "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."
- Rom 5:9 "Having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him."

<u>Justified</u>

- It is a legal term
 - Matt 12:37 "For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."
- To be justified by law, we have to keep all of it (James 2:10);
- **Result**: we stand condemned before God.

<u>Justified</u>

- Rom 8:1 "There is no condemnation in Jesus Christ."
- "We are justified by His grace through the redemption found in Jesus Christ, whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith" (Rom 3:24-25).

<u>Redeemed</u>

- Rom 3:24 "We are justified by His grace through the redemption found in Jesus Christ."
- Titus 2:14 "[Jesus] gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works."

Redeemed

- It is a financial term: Jesus paid the price to purchase us.
- Redeeming a slave (Lev 25:47-52)

Redeemed

- What was the price of our freedom?
- 1 Pet 1:17-19 explains we were not redeemed by perishable things like silver and gold. Rather, we were purchased with the precious blood of Jesus Christ, "like that of a lamb without blemish or spot."
- *Col 1:14,* "In [Christ] we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Forgiven

- It is a directional term. It means to send away.
- Lev 16:20-23 Day of Atonement
- Psalm 103:3,10-12 "God forgives our iniquities;
 He does not deal with us according to our sins;
 rather, He removes our transgressions from us as
 far as the east is from the west."

Forgiven

- Forgiveness does not mean God ignores our sin;
 it is God's power to face and deal with them.
- Matt 26:28 "This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins."
- **Heb 9:22** "Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness [of sins]."

Forgiven

- Sadly, some treat forgiveness as a license to sin.
- Heb 10:26,29
 - "For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins" (v26).
 - If we spurn the Son of God and profane the blood of the covenant, we will outrage the Spirit of grace. (v29)

What has God done for us in Jesus?

- He has saved us.
- He has justified us.
- He has redeemed us.
- He has forgiven us.