



April 14, 2024 | Pastor Keith Krell
2 Corinthians 5:21 | “The Gospel Gem”

Scripture Reading

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Isaiah 53:1–12
Romans 3:21–26
Romans 5:1–11
Galatians 3:13–14
Philippians 2:6–8
Colossians 2:13–14

Study Questions

1. What exactly did Christ bear for us on the cross? Read Galatians 3:13. Why do so many people want to earn salvation rather than receive Christ’s work by faith? How would you explain the theological concepts of receiving God’s “righteousness” and being “in Christ”?
2. How does Isaiah 53 describe Jesus’ work? Read it slowly and intentionally. Read 1 Peter 2:21–25. In 2:24, what wording describes what happened in our relationship with sin and our posture toward righteousness? What other verses or passages provide a greater understanding of our sin and Christ’s cross?
3. Why is it so important to preach the gospel (5:21) to yourself every day? In what specific way will you begin this practice today? What are the inevitable results of doing so?
4. What method of presenting the gospel have you used? How can you improve your presentation? With whom is the Lord prompting you to share His good news? When will you do so? Will you commit to praying for an open door (Colossians 4:3; cf. Ephesians 6:18–20)?

Recommended Reading

Jerry Bridges & Bob Bevington, *The Great Exchange: My Sin for His Righteousness* (Crossway, 2007); *The Bookends of the Christian Life* (Crossway, 2009)

J. I. Packer, *What Did the Cross Achieve?* (Crossway, 2023); *Proclaiming Christ in a Pluralistic Age: The 1978 Lectures* (Crossway, 2024)

Brian Vickers, *Jesus’ Blood and Righteousness: Paul’s Theology of Imputation* (Crossway, 2006); *Justification by Grace through Faith* (P&R, 2013)

John Piper, *Counted Righteous in Christ: Should We Abandon the Imputation of Christ’s Righteousness?* (Crossway, 2002)

Randy Newman, *Corner Conversations: Engaging Dialogues About God and Life* (Kregel, 2004); *Bringing the Gospel Home: Witnessing to Family Members, Close Friends, and Others Who Know You Well* (Crossway, 2011)