

## Getting Started

1. What was your favorite movie as a child?
2. What do you think supercalifragilisticexpialidocious means?
3. What are other theological terms that you're curious about their meaning?
4. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's sermon did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

## Digging Deeper

### 5. Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 60:

#### **Q. How are you righteous before God?**

A. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ.<sup>1</sup>

Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments, of never having kept any of them,<sup>2</sup> and of still being inclined toward all evil,<sup>3</sup> nevertheless, without any merit of my own,<sup>4</sup> out of sheer grace,<sup>5</sup> God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ,<sup>6</sup> as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me.<sup>7</sup>

All I need to do is accept this gift with a believing heart.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Rom. 3:21-28; Gal. 2:16; Eph. 2:8-9; Phil 3:8-11 <sup>2</sup> Rom. 3:9-10 <sup>3</sup> Rom. 7:23 <sup>4</sup> Titus 3:4-5

<sup>5</sup> Rom. 3:24; Eph. 2:8 <sup>6</sup> Rom. 4:3-5 (Gen. 15:6); 2 Cor. 5:17-19; 1 John 2:1-2 <sup>7</sup> Rom. 4:24-25; 2 Cor. 5:21 <sup>8</sup> John 3:18; Acts 16:30-31

How does God save us if we don't play a role in it?

6. Read 1 John 4:10. Compare it to Romans 3:23-26. Why does this show God's love for us?
7. Read Luke 18:9-14. How does this related to Romans 3:21-31? Do you have a greater understanding of this parable after today's sermon?
8. On our own we cannot be righteous, but in Christ we find righteousness. Read 2 Cor. 5:21. How do we find righteousness in Christ?

## Application

9. "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). God's work in Jesus Christ justifies us. It is not anything that we have done, but solely the work of God in Christ. Give praise to God, thanking him for appeasing his wrath with the blood of Christ.

## Praying Scripture

### Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the Lord, over many waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- 6 He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
- 8 The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 9 The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth  
and strips the forests bare,  
and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.
- 11 May the Lord give strength to his people!  
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

## Ross Community Reformed Church

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### The Gospel: Class is in Session

#### “Pro·pi·ti·a·tion”

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

Romans 3:23-25

- **All have \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_ is found by having \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ.**
  
- **Our \_\_\_\_\_ is grounded in Jesus Christ, his \_\_\_\_\_ to the cross \_\_\_\_\_ God’s wrath.**
  
- **Our \_\_\_\_\_ is due to God alone, so we \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord.**

Topics: Propitiation, justification, atonement