

## **2—Vindicated in the Spirit**

3/10/24

### **INTRO:**

I. **→ Psalms 35:19-27**

*Do not my enemies gloat over me.*

*Wrongfully they hate me without cause;  
they wink the eye.*

*They do not speak peaceably,  
but speak against the peaceable of the land,  
devising false accusation.*

*They open wide their mouth and say,  
“Aha! Aha! Our own eye has seen it.”*

**→ 22** *You have seen it, Yahweh;  
do not be silent.*

*Do not be far from me, Lord.*

*Stir up and awaken for my vindication!*

*Contend for me, my God and Lord.*

*Vindicate me by your righteousness,  
Yahweh my God;*

*do not let them gloat over me.*

**→ 25** *Do not let them say in their heart,  
“Aha, we got what we wanted!”*

*Do not let them say,*

*“We have swallowed him up.”*

*Let all who gloat over my harm  
be ashamed and confused together.*

*Let those that exalt themselves against me  
be clothed in shame and dishonor.*

**→ 27** *Let those that delight in my righteousness  
shout for joy and be glad.*

*Let them say continually,*

*“Let Yahweh be exalted,  
who delights in the peace of his servant!”*

- II. Grk (*dikaióo*) made righteous, justified, vindicated  
Heb (*shaphtaniy*) judge me, vindicate me

## BODY:

### I. Dying to Sin

- A. Jesus knew that no half measure could cure our sin.
- 1) **1 Peter 3:18**  
*For Christ also suffered once for **sins**, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to **death** in the body but made alive in the Spirit.*
  - 2) THE PATTERN OF THE SACRIFICE
- B. If we want to be free from our sin we have to die to it.
- 1) **Romans 6:10-11**  
*The **death** he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, **count yourselves dead to sin** but alive to God in Christ Jesus.*
  - 2) WILLIAM DURHAM—RECKON YOURSELF

### II. Burying the Past

- A. It took a flood to cleanse the land from the sin of the past.
- 1) **Genesis 8:21**  
*And Yahweh smelled the pleasing aroma and, and Yahweh said in his heart:  
"Never again anymore  
will I curse the **ground** on account of **man**,  
even though every inclination the **man's** heart  
is evil from his youth."*
  - 2) THE FLOOD TO PURGE THE GROUND
- B. Jesus has washed us clean through his death and burial.
- 1) **1 Peter 3:21**  
*And this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God.*
  - 2) LADIES CELEBRATING RECOVER AT THE BEACH

### III. Raised to New Life

A. His sacrifice enabled us to start all over again.

1) **Romans 6:4**

*We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.*

2) **SAVING PRIVATE RYAN—EARN THIS**

B. Jesus died for us so that we could live with Him.

1) **Galatians 2:20**

*I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

## **OTHER SCRIPTURES:**

Matthew 12:40

For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Romans 4:25

He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

Romans 1:3-4

Regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.

Galatians 6:14

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Colossians 2:13-14

He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.

Titus 3:5-7

He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Hebrews 9:14

How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

Romans 6:6-7

For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.