#5 DEEPER - "Acquittal"

1. Define the word "acquittal".

2. A passenger on a train is traveling a far distance when the steward asks him to see his ticket again. The passenger pulls out his ticket, shows it to the steward, and the steward being satisfied, proceeds to the next passenger.

What 2 things did that ticket represent?

1._____

2._____

3. Read Romans 3:24, 4:25, 5:16, & 5:18. What key word is repeated in these verses?

-What does that key word mean?

4. Read Romans 3:20 & 28. What will not justify us?

5. Justification is a one-time act by God declaring the believer in Christ not guilty. Sanctification is a lifelong process of growth. How does the illustration of the train ticket picture this truth?

6. What is the danger, having been declared not guilty by the work of Christ, (having not earned it but rather received it), for every believer to slip back into?

7. Read Matthew 23:25 and 27. What is the danger of just following rules in order to grow deeper in godliness?

8. Read Colossians 3:2-5. How do these verses describe a heart, that on the outside looks good, but on the inside is really bad?

9.Put this statement in our own words: "Our fallen hearts are spring-loaded to assess our justified state (not guilty) on the basis of how our sanctification (growing) is going."

10. The many things we seek for approval, to know that we are okay in this life, are really idols that take the place of justification: Answer the following:

1. What does my mind tend to drift back to when I lie awake in bed?

2. What do I spend disposable income on?

3. What in other people do I tend to envy?

4. What is that one thing that, if God were to appear to me today and tell me I would never have it, would make life feel not worth living?

5. If I'm married, what would my spouse say I tend to give myself to that makes him or her feel neglected?

6. How would my heart-not my theology, but my heart-phrase the hymn, "When_____, it is well with my soul?

7. What do I find myself praying that is nowhere promised in the Bible?