

Extra Innings



Follow-Up Resource for Communicants' Class Parents

Date: *Week 3*

Lesson: *"Justification and Adoption"*

Texts: *Hebrews 9-10, Romans 3:21-24, 8:15-17, Galatians 2:16, etc.*

Outline:

- * *Christ as our High Priest and our Sacrifice*
- * *The doctrine of justification*
- * *The doctrine of adoption*

Some Possible Follow-Up:

Questions to Ask:

- * *So, how is it that Jesus' death accomplishes anything for us? See if your student understands Christ's role as a perfect sacrifice and as a great High Priest for us.*
- * *Ask your child a bit more about their prayer life. Is it comfortable talking with God as 'Father'? Find out if your child has an ease of conversation with God.*
- * *Ask about the 'spit skit' from class. Ask what the teachers did and what the skit was about. Warning: this may not be very wonderful dinner conversation!*
- * *Did you finish up the lesson?*

Things to Do:

- * *Look through the materials on your own. Review with your child.*
- * *Take some time this week to let your child know that you see them as valuable. Tell them some things you appreciate about them. Use this to talk about the value Christ has placed on them too, through his work for us. And as always, pray with them!*
- * *Read 2 Corinthians 5:21 together as a family. It's a short verse but it sums up everything we tried to say this week about justification. See if your child gets the point; ask 'How did Jesus become sin for us? How did we become the righteousness of God?'*
- * *We talked about God's adoption of us this week. If you have an 'adoption' story in your family, this is a great opportunity for an extended analogy. Look at page 5 of the student materials for ideas.*

Dear Parents:

"Behold, what manner of love the Father has given unto us, that we should be called the sons of God!" (1 John 3:1)

We hope this is a great joy to you to hear these words, and to know your place in His family. We talked about justification this week, and the 'double imputation of Christ'; the divine transaction of our sin for Christ's righteousness. We also talked about adoption, and the privilege of coming to God with permission to call him 'Daddy.'

Talking about the family of God is a great reminder of our great task as parents. We are called to commend the faith to the next generation. I trust each of you takes this task to heart in your own 'little youth groups' within your family. We are aiming to equip you for that task during these important weeks. Let us know how we're doing.

Remember, materials are available on our web site too, www.stpaulpca.org under the youth tab (see 'parent resources' there). Lord bless you in the week ahead with grace and peace.

- Kevin and Rob