Sermon Notes

There Is No Reason to Turn Back! An Exposition of the Book of Hebrews

#17 – "Justification By Faith Alone Is No Small Distinction" – Hebrews 5:7-10

I. Introduction

- A. Remembering the Reformation
 - 1. Imputation → Adam's Sin Christ's Righteousness
 - 2. Rome condemned the Reformer's teaching in the Council of Trent in 1547.
- B. The Text: Hebrews 5:7-10

II. Exposition

- A. Hebrews 5:7
 - 1. Christ as the second Adam.
 - 2. "In the days of His flesh"
 - a. Isaiah 53:12
 - 3. "Offered prayers and supplication with loud cries and tears."
 - a. In the garden
 - 4. "Who was able to save him from death"
 - a. NAS footnote "Save Him out of death."
 - b. Psalm 88; Isaiah 53:10a
- B. Hebrews 5:8
 - 1. "Learned obedience"
 - a. Note the garden

- b. Death by crucifixion Matthew 27:39,46
- c. He obeyed in spite of suffering.
- 2. Contrast to Aaron Hebrews 7:27

C. Hebrews 5:9-10

- 1. He made us just in the sight of God.
- 2. We have no righteousness in ourselves.
 - a. Rock of Ages, Verses 3,2
 - b. Our faith does not make us righteous. On the contrary our faith lays hold of the righteousness of another.
 - c. The Roman Catholic Church declares this as "legal fiction."
 - 1. Yet, Paul had no confidence in his own righteousness.
 - a. Philippians 3:8-9
- 3. "He became the source of eternal salvation to all who <u>obey</u> Him," verse 9.
 - a. Not obedience to the law he has in mind John 6:28-29
 - b. Information, Assent, Personal Trust. John 3:36

III. Points for Reflection

- A. What is <u>necessary</u> or <u>required</u> for people to receive salvation and enjoy fellowship with God?
 - 1. Matt. 19:16, 17b, Matt. 22:11-13
- B. The righteousness of Christ is **OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS**, and Jesus' righteousness is unstained..
 - 1. Isaiah 11:5; John 8:46; 18:38; Luke 23:47; I Peter 2:22
 - 2. II Corinthians 5:15-21