

Sunday, September 14th, 2025
Sermon Series: “I Believe.” The Nicene Creed.
(Pentecost, 2025)
“Christlikeness.”

The Year Ahead... Whole-Hearted Love as Jesus Followers

1 John 4.10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

The Gospel: εὐαγγέλιον (*euangelion*): “Good news.” “A good report.”

The Gospel: “We are more sinful and flawed in ourselves than we ever dared believe, yet at the very same time we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope.”

What Does the Gospel Provide?

The _____ of my sin and the _____ of my heart.

*Romans 3.21-24 But now the **righteousness** of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are **justified** by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.*

Righteousness: δικαιοσύνη (*dikaïosynē*): “Justice” “Righteousness” “To be put right with.”

“A validating performance record which opens doors.”

Justified/Justification: δικαιοσύνη (*dikaïosynē*): “To be put right” “Vindicate”

Mark 12.30-31 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’³¹ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

(Answers: Removal, Restructuring)