

Read Genesis 9:1-17

- 1) What stands out to you about God's covenant with Noah and all creation after the flood? What does it show us about God's attitude towards humanity, even after judgement?

- 2) God promises never to destroy the earth again by flood (Genesis 9:11), despite humanity still being sinful (Genesis 8:21). Why do you think God shows this kind of universal patience and kindness?

- 3) When God the bow in the sky it is a reminder of the covenant he has with humanity. It focuses on the relationship we have with God and His abundant grace and provision. How is this vastly different from the way in which our society has appropriated the rainbow?

- 4) How can we approach this contrasting worldview in our society with both love and truth? Why is the gospel the only true way forward?

Read Genesis 9:18-28

- 5) Why do you think Scripture includes this odd story about Noah's drunken nakedness right after the covenant? What does it tell us about human nature—even the "righteous"?

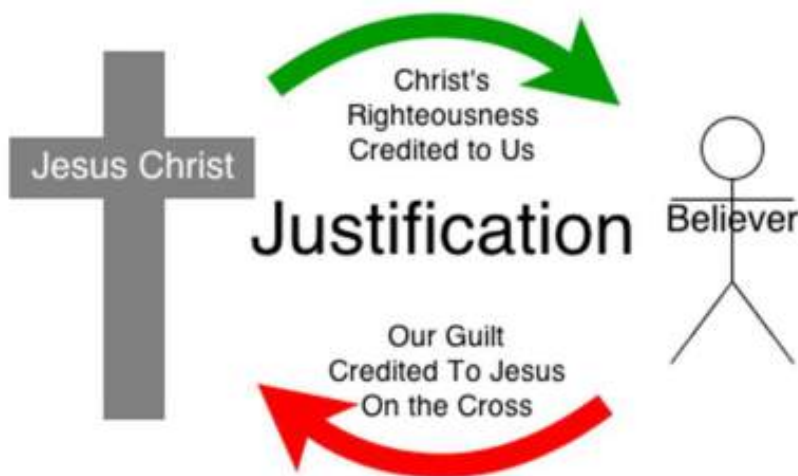
- 6) How did Ham and his brothers respond differently to Noah's shame? What spiritual principles can we draw from this about how we respond to the sin and shame of others?

- 7) In Scripture, nakedness is often linked with shame and guilt (Genesis 3:7, Genesis 9). How does Jesus fulfil the hope of being "clothed" again?

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What does it mean to be 'covered' by Christ?

Scripture speaks not only of our sins being laid on Jesus at the cross, but also Jesus' perfect righteousness being laid on us (or covering us). The fancy word for this is IMPUTATION - or in this case Double Imputation.



R.C Sproul Brief Explanation

Looking at the following verses discuss together what we are told about this 'covering' or 'imputation.'

- **2 Corinthians 5:21**
- **Romans 4:5-8**
- **1 Peter 2:24**
- **Philippians 3:7-9**

8) How does this wonderful truth bring you to rejoice and worship Christ more and more?

9) How does it impact your daily life as a Christian? What should it look like to live each day as someone whose shame has been taken by Christ and who is now clothed in Christ's righteousness? (See Ephesians 4:24)