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Back to the Gospel: Justification

Romans 1:22-23; Romans 5:1

“...quia isto articulo stante stat Ecclesia, ruente ruit Ecclesia” - Martin Luther

...because if this article [of justification] stands, the church stands; if this article collapses, the church collapses.”

Justification is the article by which the church stands and falls

The Dark Exchange (Rom. 1:22-23)

- “What makes sin dark and evil is that it attacks the glory of _____.
- At the root of every sin is an _____.
- The dark exchange trades the glory of God for _____.

Illustration: What makes the dark exchange dark is that it is like _____ in the face of the King of kings.

- The crime of dishonouring an earthly king costs you your life. The cost of _____ the King of kings warrants eternal punishment.

The Great Exchange (Romans 5:1)

- I. Justification: A judicial term which means to be _____ “not guilty” or “righteous” (without fault).
- II. In the great exchange, Jesus takes on our _____, and we are clothed in His _____.
- III. God looks at us who are justified as if He were looking at _____.

Application:

- I. God does not _____ saving you.
- II. You do not need to feel _____ about your sin (Micah 3:17)

Conclusion: Remind yourself of what justification has accomplished for you everyday.

