

JUSTIFICATION BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH ALONE (Galatians 2:15-18)

A. PAUL'S DEFENSE OF JUSTIFICATION TO PETER (2:15-21)

1. Both _____ and _____ are viewed by God as sinners who need justification from Him. (vv. 15, 17)
2. Justification before God is by _____ (v. 21) through _____ (v. 16) apart from any _____ of the law (vv. 16-21).
3. Paul's point to Peter in verses 14-21 is that if the law couldn't even _____ the Jews before God, then it certainly cannot _____ Gentile believers in their Christian lives.

B. THE BIBLE'S DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION BEFORE GOD

1. The NECESSITY of Justification before God

- a. Before salvation, all mankind is _____ (Rom. 3:9-10) and _____ before a holy God (Rom. 3:19).
- b. Lost mankind has not submitted themselves to the righteousness _____ (Rom. 9:30-10:4) so that all man's attempts at righteousness are viewed by God as _____ (Isa. 64:6) and _____ (Phil. 3:8).

2. The MEANING of Justification before God

- a. Justification is a _____ or legal term that means to be _____ righteous. In salvation contexts, this word does not mean to be _____ righteous in practice.

- *How are the terms justification/righteousness (noun), just/righteous (adjective), and justify/declare righteous (verb) used in Scripture in this legal sense?*

- b. Justification involves more than the _____ of sins; it also includes the _____ of God's own righteousness received at the moment of initial faith in Christ for salvation (1 Cor. 1:30; 12:12-13; 2 Cor. 5:21).

3. The BASIS of Justification before God

- a. The basis of our justification originates with God's _____, not any merit or worthiness on our part. (Rom. 3:24; Titus 3:7)

- b. Our justification in God's sight is based entirely on the _____ of _____ on our behalf. (Rom. 3:25-26; 4:25; 5:9)

4. The MEANS of Justification before God

- a. The only means of receiving God's imputed righteousness is _____ in Jesus Christ apart from our _____. (Rom. 3:27-28; 4:4-6)

- b. God determined that faith would be the only condition or instrumental means of receiving justification because it is the only _____ response man can have that is consistent with God's _____. (Rom. 4:5, 16)

5. The QUALITY of Justification before God

- a. There are _____ of justification among believers since all have Christ's righteousness imputed to them, which is the _____ for all believers. (1 Cor. 6:11; 2 Peter 2:7)

- b. Justification before God is _____ for all believers. (Rom. 5:9; 8:30-34)

- *How does all of this apply to you?*