



Justification

Justification: We are no longer _____.

“The basic religious question is that of our relation to God. How can man be just with God? How can he be right with the Holy One? In our situation, however, the question is much more aggravated. It is not simply, how can man be just with God, but how can sinful man be just with God? In the last analysis sin is always against *God*, and the essence of sin is to be *against* God. The person who is *against* God cannot be right with God. For if we are against God then God is against us. It could not be otherwise. God cannot be indifferent to or complacent towards that which requires the recoil of righteous indignation. And that is God’s wrath ... This is our situation and it is our relation to God; how can we be right with him?” (John Murray, *Redemption Accomplished and Applied*)

Why do we need to be justified?

- God is _____, _____, _____ (Isaiah 6:1-5, Revelation 4:8).

- All human beings are _____, _____, and _____ (Genesis 6:5, Psalm 51:3-5, Ecclesiastes 7:20, Romans 3:23).
- God is a _____ Judge who will not _____ the guilty (Exodus 34:6-7, Psalm 7:11, Isaiah 5:20).

How does God justify the guilty?

- God's grace is the _____ of our justification (Romans 3:24, Titus 3:6-7).
- Christ's work is the _____ of our justification (Romans 4:25, 5:9).
- Faith in Jesus is the _____ of our justification (Romans 3:26, Galatians 3:10-11).
- The imputation of righteousness is the _____ of our justification (Romans 4:3, 2 Corinthians 5:21).

“The truth of justification has suffered at the hands of human perversion as much as any doctrine of Scripture ... If justification is confused with regeneration or sanctification, then the door is opened for the perversion of the gospel at its centre. Justification is still the article of the standing or falling Church.” (John Murray, *Redemption Accomplished and Applied*)

How should the truth about justification change us as the people of God?

- _____ – we should be grateful and thankful for God's _____ and the _____ of Jesus.
- _____ – we are justified by faith _____, but the faith that justifies is _____ alone.

“It is an old and time-worn objection that this doctrine ministers to license and looseness. Only those who know not the power of the gospel will plead such misconception. Justification is by faith alone, but not by a faith that is alone. Justification is not all that is embraced in the gospel of redeeming grace. Christ is a complete Savior and it is not justification alone that the believing sinner possesses in him..” (John Murray, *Red Acc and App*)

- _____ – we must call sinners to repent of their sin and _____ in Jesus.
- _____ – we must _____ the doctrine of justification for the good of the church.