

## **Doctrine of Justification**

### 1. Introduction:

1.1 At point of faith in Christ, or at regeneration, we are said to be "born again" and accordingly justified in the eyes of God. This is something only faith can connect and something the Law of Moses could never do nor any of the liturgical practices of the Tabernacle/Temple. Justification is a positional matter; we are said to be in Christ. The believer is said to be in the top circle and family of God.

### **CHART TOP CIRCLE VERSUS BOTTOM CIRCLE**

1.2 Our justification is closely related to positional sanctification. Positional sanctification is absolute vis-à-vis temporal sanctification which is potential.

2Ti 1:9 It was God Who has saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

Acts 16:31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and will be saved, and your house.

1Jo 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

1Jo 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1Jo 1:10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

1.3 The state of Justification is being made acceptable to God even to such a finely tuned point that the Righteousness of God is imputed to each of us by simple faith in Christ. Justification is the total word and concept for the salvation process whereas salvation is simply the deliverance from the slave market of sin.

1.4 It is true, that being in Christ, the believer is positionally righteous; but justification is the divine acknowledgment and declaration that the one who is in Christ is declared by God to be Righteous and royal family. The believer is constituted righteous by virtue of his position in Christ and by the act of Justification God publishes in the heavenly realms His divine recognition of the believer's new position as a member of God's forever family.

1.5 God justifies the ungodly and on a ground so worthy, so laudable and unblemished that He Himself remains just when He justifies.

1.5.1 God justifies on the basis of grace and grace is all that God is free to do for the believer on the basis of the cross without in anyway compromising His integrity. We are justified by faith and have peace with God through the Lord Jesus Christ.

2. The noun justification appears only three times in the Bible and all in the New

Testament.

Rom 4:25 Who was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our **justification**.

Rom 5:16 And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offenses unto **justification**.

Rom 5:18 Therefore as by the offense of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto **justification** of life.

3. So that we could understand better all that God has done for us, I listed for you last week the six bases of our condemnation:

3.1 Sin: Rom 3:23; Isa 53:6

3.2 Penalty of Sin: Rom 6:23; Rom 5:12

3.3 Physical Birth: Eph 2:1; Rom 5:12

3.4 Relative Righteousness: Isa 64:6; Rom 9:30-33 and Rom 3:10-12

3.5 Character of God: Rom 8:8; Isa 46:9

3.6 Position in Adam: 2Co 15:22

4. We also noted last week that there were four uses in the New Testament of the verb justified:

Rom 3:28 Therefore we conclude that a man is *justified* by faith without the deeds of the law.

Rom 5:1 Therefore being *justified* by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

Gal 3:24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be *justified* by faith.

Rom 4:5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that *justifieth* the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

5. There is a Hebrew word not translated justification in its noun form but translated justified in its verb form. The Hebrew Word is **Tsedeq**.

Job 13:15 Though he slay me, yet will I hope in him; I will surely defend my ways to his face.

Job 13:16 Indeed, this will turn out for my deliverance, for no godless man would dare come before him!

Job 13:17 Listen carefully to my words; let your ears take in what I say.

Job 13:18 Now that I have prepared my case, I know I will be *justified*.

Job 25:4 How then can man be *justified* with God? or how can he be clean that is born of a woman?

Isa 45:25 In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be *justified*, and shall glory.

6. The word **Tsedeq** means to be vindicated or the state of vindication, it also has been used for righteousness or correctness.

7. In concept then this process of justification leaves us as those who have been found not guilty by the Supreme Court of Heaven.

7.1 The charge was not sin but rather our birth and the imputation of condemnation to our Old Sin Nature.

8. The meaning of justification is not to be confused as signifying "just as if I had never sinned" but rather because the payment for sin has been made by Christ on the Cross, our sin and separation from God is no longer an issue. As the song says Jesus Paid It All.

9. At the very best man at birth is fit only for destruction even before he or she has committed personal sin.

Rom 5:12 Therefore, as by one man (Adam) sin entered the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men ...

Rom 5:14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of Him (Christ) that was to come.

Rom 5:15 But not as the offense, so also is the free gift. For if through the offense of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, having abounded unto many.

Rom 5:16 Again, the gift of God is not like the result of the one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the free gift followed many trespasses and brought **justification**.

Rom 5:17 For if by one man's offense death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.

Rom 5:18 Therefore as by the offense of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto **justification** of life.

Rom 5:19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so shall *all those in Christ* be made alive.

1Co 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a life giving spirit.

1Co 15:46 Therefore the spiritual did not come first, but the natural came first and then came that which is spiritual.

1Co 15:47 The first man Adam is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord Jesus who came from heaven.

10. Man therefore even without sin is condemned by the Righteousness of God and the justice of God must execute what the Righteousness of God demands.

10.1 The condemnation is the direct result of the imputation of Adam's sin to our old sin natures; and this occurs at birth.

11. The avoidance of the process of condemnation can only occur by faith in Christ; at point of faith in Christ we receive the imputation of the Righteousness of God; for you see the Righteousness of God was satisfied on the cross and once again, what the Righteousness of God demands, the Justice of God must execute.

12. So you see, God does not wink at sin, Christ's substitutionary death has removed both the problem of sin and the imputation of sin; thus we are saved.

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