Justification

JUSTIFICATION is the act of declaring one to be righteous. In Bible usage “to justify” does not mean “to MAKE righteous,” but rather “to declare or show one TO BE righteous.” Deuteronomy 25:1 “justify the RIGHTEOUS, and condemn the wicked.”

1. THE PROBLEM.
   1. A SINNER cannot justly be called righteous. Exodus 23:7, Psalms 143:2;

Job 25:4.

* 1. God justifies sinners. Luke 18:13, 14.
  2. HOW can God declare a SINNER to be RIGHTEOUS and yet be just Himself?

1. THE BASIS OF JUSTIFICATION.
   1. GOD SEES US AS WITHOUT SIN BECAUSE CHRIST TOOK OUR SIN.

Isaiah 53:6, 11 “justify…bear their iniquities.” I Peter 2:24.

* 1. GOD SEES US AS RIGHTEOUS BECAUSE CHRIST GAVE US HIS.

Philippians 3:9; II Corinthians 5:21 “the righteousness of God in Him.”

* 1. THEREFORE GOD CAN DECLARE US RIGHTEOUS (JUSTIFY US).

Romans 3:24-26 “…He might be just, and the Justifier.”

1. THE LAW AND JUSTIFICATION.
   1. THE LAW CAN JUSTIFY ONLY THOSE WHO PERFECTLY KEEP IT.

Galatians 3:10, 12; Romans 2:13 “doers of the law…justified.”

* 1. WE HAVE ALL BROKEN GOD’S LAW AND BEEN CONDEMNED BY IT.

Romans 3:19 “the law…all the world…guilty.”

* 1. THEREFORE WE CAN NEVER BE JUSTIFIED BY THE LAW.

Galatians 2:16 “by the…law shall no flesh be justified.”

1. THE MEDIUM OF JUSTIFICATION.

Acts 13:39 “all that BELIEVE are justified.”

Romans 5:1 “therefore being justified by FAITH.” Galatians 2:16.

1. THE EXTENT OF JUSTIFICATION.

Acts 13:39 “justified FROM ALL THINGS.”

Romans 8:33 ANYTHING to our charge? No, God justified us!

1. THE GUARANTEE OF JUSTIFICATION.

Romans 4:25 “raised again for our justification;” that is, the death of Christ (the basis of our justification) was proved to be effectual by His resurrection.

1. THE EVIDENCE OF JUSTIFICATION.

God justifies when He sees FAITH: THE WORLD JUSTIFIES ONLY WHEN it sees WORKS. GOD accepts faith; men demand works.

James 2:24 “Ye SEE…that BY WORKS a man is justified.”

Luke 7:47-50 Man saw works; God saw faith.

1. THE RESULTS OF JUSTIFICATION.

Romans 5:1 “being justified…we have PEACE with God.”

Titus 3:7 “being justified by His grace…made HEIRS.”

Romans 5:9 “being justified we shall be saved from wrath.”

1. THE SUBJECTS OF JUSTIFICATION.

Romans 4:5 “justifieth the ungodly. Acts 13:39 “all that believeth”

Whether Jews (Galatians 2:15, 16) or Gentiles (Galatians 3:8).