



Section 4: Concerning Salvation/Justification

Question 9: What is justification?

Answer 9: Justification is the onetime act of God, the righteous judge, that declares a man just on the basis of his faith in the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross.

Memory Verse: **Romans 5:1**

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

Support Verses: **Romans 3:24-26**

24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

Romans 5:18

Therefore as by the offence 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.

Romans 8:33-34

33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.

34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

John 5:24

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

Discussion Points:

1. Define Justification:

- Webster's 1828 defines justification as follows: "In theology, remission of sin and absolution from guilt and punishment; or an act of free grace by which God pardons the sinner and accepts him as righteous, on account of the atonement of Christ."
- Justification is a legal term. It has to do with a man's standing or condition before a holy God.
- It is the declaration by God that a person is absolved from the punishment of the law, and at the same time the declaration that a person is righteous according to the law.
- Justification speaks to the condition of a man, and not his character.
- Justification is only possible on the basis of faith, and it comes by way of a sinner receiving the free gift of eternal



life solely on the merits of The Lord Jesus Christ.

- The Lord Jesus Christ satisfied the demands of the Law of God in both His perfect life and perfect His death.
- Therefore, making Him the only acceptable substitute able to secure this judgment of God on behalf of the believing sinner.

2. Justification Realized:

- When a man is declared just before God, he is no longer guilty before God as a sinner.
- Justification by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ places man in the same standing before God as the sinless Savior Himself.
- You are, in fact, standing in His righteousness alone.
- You are no longer under condemnation.
- Being in Christ as one of God's elect you are now free from any charge past, present, or future.
- Being in Christ, the believer is now granted the privileges of son-ship.
- With son-ship comes innumerable blessings.
- A few to be named are: access to His grace, the hope of glory, salvation from wrath, and His righteousness.

Notes:

Psalms, Hymns, Spiritual Songs:

- "Complete In Thee" (Hymn #349 - Rejoice Hymns)
- "The Cleansing Wave" (Hymn #362 - Rejoice Hymns)