

Justification
Chapter V, Redemption Accomplished and Applied
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- I. The Basic religious question: How can man be just with God?
 - A. Psalm 51:4 “Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.”
 - B. Romans 1:18 “...the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men...”
- II. The question really is not: how can man be just with God; but how can sinful man become just with God?
- III. Justification is the answer, and justification is the act of God’s free grace.
 - A. Romans 8:33 “It is God who justifies: who is he that condemns?”
- IV. What justification is not:
- V. Common usage of the term:
- VI. Scriptural usage of the term:
 - A. In both the OT and NEW there are numerous passages where the term “justify” cannot mean anything else but to declare to be righteous.
 1. Deuteronomy 25:1
 2. Proverbs 17:15
 3. Luke 7:29
 - B. Justification is contrasted with condemnations.
 1. Deuteronomy 25:1
 2. Proverbs 17:15
 3. Romans 8:33-34
 - C. There are passages in which the thought of giving judgment provides us with the sense in which we are to understand the word justification.
 1. Romans 8:33
- VII. Understanding the difference between justification and regeneration:

A. Regeneration

B. Justification

VIII. God's justification of the ungodly:

A. God justifies the ungodly.

1. Romans 4:5

2. Romans 3:19-24

B. God is just when He justifies the ungodly.

1. Romans 3:26

C. What is it that enables God to be just when He justifies sinners?

1. Romans 5:17-19

2. Isaiah 61:10

3. Genesis 15:6 (Romans 4:3; Romans 4:9; Romans 4:22; Galatians 3:6; James 2:23)

IX. Why faith is not itself the righteousness:

A. A righteousness wrought (worked) in us would not obliterate past sin and condemnation.

B. Justification is not be the righteousness of performance on our part; it is not of works.

1. Romans 3:20; 4:2; 10:3,4; Galatians 2:16; 3:11; 5:4; Philippians 3:9

C. We are justified by grace.

1. Romans 3:24ff; 5:15-21

X. Where do we find the righteousness which supplies the basis of full and perfect justification?

A. It is in Christ we are justified.

1. Acts 13:39; Romans 8:1; 1 Corinthians 6:11; Galatians 2:17

B. It is through Christ's sacrificial and redemptive work. We are justified in Jesus' blood.

1. Romans 3:24; 5:9; 8:33, 34

C. It is by the righteousness of God that we are justified.

1. Romans 1:17; 3:21, 22; 10:3; Philippians 3:9

D. The righteousness of justification is the righteousness and obedience of Christ.

1. Romans 5:17-19

XI. The obedience of Christ is the ground of our justification.

XII. Faith is the alone instrument of justification.

XIII. Does this doctrine lead to license?

A. Galatians 5:6

B. James 2:17-20

C. Romans 6:1-2