Justification: The Fourth Step in the Order of Salvation

- <u>Review</u>
- 1. Justification defined...
 - 2. The importance of the doctrine...
 - 3. The ground of justification...

I. <u>The Fullness of Justification</u>

A. What is Declared to be true by God is indeed true... Romans 5:17-21

II. Faith and Justification

A. Their Vital Connection...

Romans 1:17; 3:25, 28, 30; 5:1; Galatians 2:16; 3:11, 24; Ephesians 2:8, 9; Philippians 3:9

B. Faith is the Instrument...

- 1. God's Gift...
- 2. The occasion of Justification... Romans 3:28

C. Faith is Not the Basis of Justification...

Romans 3:21, 27, 28; 4:3-4; Galatians 2:16, 21; 3:11

<u>Ouestion:</u> Why do we need to emphasize this truth today?

D. Truth Faith Illustrated...

III. Saving Faith

- A. The World's Definition of Faith...
- B. The Bible's Definition...
- 1. Knowledge... Job 19:25; II Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 11:1
- 2. Trust...
- C. The Reformed Testimony...

D. Counterfeit Faith...

- 1. Dead faith ... James 2:1ff
- 2. Temporary faith... Luke 8:13
- 3. Vain faith... I Corinthians 15:2
- 4. Other Biblical examples... Acts 8:13; 26:27; James 2:19; Matthew 8:29

Application: