

The Atonement: Christ's Active and Passive Obedience

Introduction and Review

I. The Essence of Justification by Faith...

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A. An Act of God in Jesus Christ by Which a Sinner Becomes Righteous Before God the Righteous Judge...

1. We are law breakers...
2. God will not clear the guilty, *Romans 6:23*
3. Our great need is guilt...

Lesson:

B. Justification is Strictly an Act That Changes the Sinners Legal Standing Before God...

1. It is in regards to a sinner's guilt...*Romans 3:19 cf. vs. 20ff*
2. The Opposite of Justification is _____. i.e. *Romans 8:1; 33-34.*
3. Justification is by imputing righteousness... *Romans 4:3-6*

C. Relevance and Importance for us today...

II. The Ground of Justification

A. The Obedience of Christ...

Texts:

B. Only the "Obedience of Christ" can explain how God can be just and justify the guilty...

III. The Active and Passive Obedience of Christ...

A. It describes two aspects of His obedience....

1.

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B. They are not separated or divided...

1. In His sufferings He was supremely active...

John 10:17-18 Philippians 2:5ff

Lesson:

2. All of His life was a keeping of the law...

Questions: 1. What does “vicarious law keeping mean?

2. Who objects to this reality?

a.

b.

IV. Warnings as How not to view Christ's Perfect Obedience...

A. Not artificially or mechanically...

Hebrews 2:10-18; 5:8-10

B. Not merely as Formal Acts of Accomplishment...

Luke 9:51; John 14:30-31; Hebrews 10:5-10

Homework: Meditate and comment on the four apparent lessons Murray identifies from considering *Hebrews 2:10-18 and 5:8-10*.