

Justification: The Fourth Step in the Order of Salvation

- Introduction:**
1. Justification as a point of controversy...
 2. The issue is; How can a holy and righteous God be reconciled to unholy and unrighteous sinners?
 3. Consider the context of justification in our current studies...

I. Justification Defined...

A. It is a Legal Term...

B. To Declare Righteous...

C. Two Problems face us with the Issue of Justification...

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D. Justification is Closely Connected to Faith...

E. Justification is not:

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F. Justification is by Imputation...

Acts 13:39; Romans 5:1, 9; 8:30-33; I Corinthians 6:11; Galatians 2:16; 3:11

II. The Basis of Justification...

A. Christ's Sacrificial Death and Perfect Obedience... Romans 3:21-22; Isaiah 1:18

B. Consider the Urgency and Importance of Defending Justification...

1. The verb always means “to declare righteous...” *Luke 7:29; Matthew 11:19; Romans 3:4 cf. Psalm 51:4; Luke 10:29; 16:15*
2. It cannot mean to make righteous... *Deuteronomy 25:1; Proverbs 17:15; Isaiah 5:23; Exodus 23:7; Job 34:17*
3. The Biblical words and phrases used in reference to and to define justification can only mean to declare righteous... *Psalm 32:2; II Corinthians 5:19; Romans 4:22-24*

Application:

4. Justification in Scripture cannot refer to a process in which men are made righteous... *Luke 18:13-14; 23:43; Romans 4:5*
5. Justification cannot mean to make righteous... *James 3:2; I John 1:8; Acts 13:39; Romans 3:20-24, 28; Galatians 2:16; Philippians 3:8-9*
6. Justification cannot refer to something in man or to human merit... **LBCF**, Chap. 16 p. 5 with *Isaiah 64:6; Luke 17:10; Galatians 5:17; Psalm 130:3; 143:2 cf. Romans 7:15ff; Philippians 3:8-9*

Observation about good works...

7. Justification cannot refer to a subjective process in a man that may take years to complete... *John 5:24; Luke 23:43; 18:13-14; John 3:18; Romans 5:1; john 6:47*

Clarification and Summary...

Next Time: The Fullness of Justification...