

**“What it Means to be Reformed”; Session # 61, Sola Fide - “Christ’s Obedience and Righteousness”, Prepared by Pastor Paul Rendall for the Adult Sunday School Class on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015.**

**1. The Justification of sinners is directly connected in Scripture with the Mediatorial work of Christ as a satisfaction rendered to the Law and Justice of God.**

(Buchanan, P. 310, 311)

**a. It is connected with the death of Christ –**

Romans 5: 19 – “When we were enemies we were reconciled unto God by the death of His Son

Colossians 1: 21 and 22 – “And you, who were once alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight.”

**b. It is connected with the blood of Christ –**

Ephesians 1: 7 – “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.”

Matthew 26: 28 – “For this is My blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.”

Romans 5: 9 – “Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.”

**c. It is connected with the obedience of Christ –**

Romans 5: 19 – “For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man’s obedience many will be made righteous.”

Hebrews 5: 8 – “Though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.” “And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.”

**d. It is connected with the righteousness of Christ –**

Isaiah 45: 24, 25 – “He shall say, ‘Surely in the Lord I have righteousness and strength.’ “To Him men shall come, and all shall be ashamed who are incensed against Him.” “In the Lord all the descendants of Israel shall be justified, and shall glory.”

Philippians 3: 8 and 9 – “Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith.”

**e. It is connected with the name of Christ –**

1st Corinthians 6: 11 – “And such were some of you.” “But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.”

Luke 24: 47 – “That repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”

**Buchanan says again:** “What a comfort to know, that through Christ’s redeeming work, our Justification is connected indissolubly with the glory of God,—that all His attributes will be more fully made manifest than they could have been, either in the mere justification of the righteous,

or in the mere punishment of the wicked,—that the majesty of His Law, so far from being impaired, will be magnified and made honorable, and all the highest ends of His righteous government most effectually secured, by the very means which have opened up a way for the freest exercise of mercy even to the chief of sinners! But how insecure must be the hope, or rather how fatal the presumption, of those who look for pardoning mercy, without any regard either to the honor of His law, or the claims of His justice, or the glory His great Name!”

**f. It is connected with the knowledge of Christ –**

Isaiah 53: 11 – “He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied.” “By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, for He shall bear their iniquities.”

John 17: 3 and 4 – “And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.” “I have glorified You on the earth.” “I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.”

**James Buchanan says:** “In short, in every form of expression, and in every part of Scripture, the Justification of sinners is connected directly with Christ, and His Mediatorial work: and His people are so absolutely dependent on what He did and suffered for their pardon and acceptance with God, that He is said to be their Life, their Peace, their Righteousness, their Hope, their Joy, as if all their springs were in Him., and Christ were all in all.” “No marvel, that to them who believe, He is precious.”