

Section 11.1: 2ndLBC 1689

11.1 Justification

Those God effectually calls he also freely justifies.¹

He does this, not by infusing righteousness into them but by pardoning their sins and accounting and accepting them as righteous.²

He does this for Christ's sake alone and not for anything produced in them or done by them.³

He does not impute faith itself, the act of believing, or any other gospel obedience to them as their righteousness. Instead, he imputes Christ's active obedience to the whole law and passive obedience in his death as their whole and only righteousness by faith.⁴

This faith is not self-generated; it is the gift of God.⁵

¹Romans 3:24; 8:30.

²Romans 4:5-8; Ephesians 1:7.

³1 Corinthians 1:30, 31; Romans 5:17-19.

⁴Philippians 3:8, 9; Ephesians 2:8-10.

⁵John 1:12; Romans 5:17.

Scripture Proofs

¹**Romans 3:24** and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus

Romans 8:30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

²**Romans 4:5-8** And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

Ephesians 1:7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,

³**1 Corinthians 1:30-31** And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Romans 5:17-19 For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

⁴**Philippians 3:8-9** Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—

Ephesians 2:8-10 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

⁵**John 1:12** But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,

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