

“How God Makes the Gospel Work.2”

Amazed by Grace • part 15

INTRODUCTION

- Martin Luther’s significance

“Something has happened to the doctrine of justification...The faith of Paul and Luther was a revolutionizing thing. It upset the whole life of the individual and made him into another person altogether. It laid hold on the life and brought it unto obedience to Christ. It took up its cross and followed along after Jesus with no intention of going back. It said good-bye to its old friends as certainly as Elijah when he stepped into the fiery chariot and went away in the whirlwind. It had a finality about it. It snapped shut on a man’s heart like a trap; it captured the man and made him from that moment forward a happy love-servant of his Lord.”
– A.W. Tozer

1. The Revelation of the Gospel

2. The Requirements of the Gospel

- the *source* of justification: God’s grace

“No sin, no need for justification; no grace, no possibility of it.”
– Tom Wright

- the *ground* of justification: Christ’s blood

+ propitiation
+ redemption
+ justification
+ reconciliation

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3. The Reception of the Gospel

- the *means* of justification: our faith

- defining *faith*

Jn. 1:12; 3:16; 8:24

- *sola fide*

Rom. 3:28

+ “non-meritorious” faith

+ “non-contributory” faith

4. The Results of the Gospel

- justification excludes human pride; it’s completely God’s work
3:27-28

- God does not limit Himself to any one group or people
3:29-30

- the gospel doesn’t invalidate the Law, but upholds it
3:31

APPLICATION

1. Man is not _____.

Ps. 115:1; Col. 1:16

2. The gospel is a _____.

“God gave a violent age a violent physician.”

– Philip Melancthon