

1  **GOD'S SALVATION PACKAGE: JUSTIFICATION**

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2  **GOD'S SALVATION PACKAGE**

- INCARNATION - REDEMPTION
- REGENERATION - ADOPTION
- IMPUTATION - PROPITIATION
- PROPAGATION, SUBSTITUTION
- RECONCILIATION.

3  **Why?**

- "It's boring."
- The problem - value experience over Bible doctrine.
- Sound teaching produces strong Christians.
- Paul almost always begins with Bible doctrine.

4  **Martin Luther**

- University of Wittenberg
- The turning point - mission to Rome.
- Climbing Pilate's stairs
- Flash: "The just shall live by faith."
- The spark that started the Reformation

5  **WHAT IS JUSTIFICATION?**

- Common Definition –
  - For us, to justify means to give excuses for behavior or misbehavior.
  - An example: President Putin
- Bible Definition
  - a legal term
  - declared guilty
  - God, the judge, raises His gavel to pronounce sentence and says, "Not guilty."
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6  **HOW ARE WE JUSTIFIED?**

- Justified by the Grace of God
  - Romans 3:24: "being justified freely by His grace."
  - Titus 3:7: ". . . having been justified by His grace."
- God's free gift - God's undeserved favor.
- Paul was the Apostle of grace
- Paul became the apostle of JUSTIFICATION by grace alone through faith in Christ alone!

7  **HOW ARE WE JUSTIFIED?**

- We are justified through faith.
  - Romans 3:24-25: "being justified by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith. . ."
  - Romans 5:1: Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
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8  **What is faith?**

- Right belief about God
- Faith rests on God's testimony and revelations found in His Word.
- Faith is a supernatural gift from God:
- Ephesians 2:8: "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God."

9  **Justified because of the death of Jesus**

- Romans 3:24-25: "being justified by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood. . ."
- Romans 5:8-9: "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him."

10  **Never justified because of our human effort!**

- Roman Catholic doctrine of justification
  - We must cooperate with the grace of Christ and do good work to be saved.
  - When we stand before God, God does not judge us based on what Christ did for us, but based on whether we became personally good by appropriating the grace of Christ.

11  **What does the Bible say?**

- Romans 3:20: Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight.
- Galatians 2:16: "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified."
- Ephesians 2:8

12  **WHAT ARE THE RESULTS OF JUSTIFICATION?**

- If you are justified, you are completely forgiven:
  - Ephesians 1:7: "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace."
- Story of Chen Jin-Xing 陳進興

13  **You have a new righteousness.**

- 2 Corinthians 5:21: "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."
- Explain – Two Fists

14  **Declared not guilty and you can never be condemned.**

- a miracle of God
- Once declared NOT GUILTY, you can never be condemned again.
- not an experience
- Justification means that your salvation is eternally secure because it does not depend on you, but entirely on God and His work on your behalf.