

Section 11.4-6: 2nd LBC 1689

11.4 Justification

From all eternity God decreed to justify all the elect,¹¹
and in the fullness of time Christ died for their sins and
rose again for their justification.¹²

Nevertheless, they are not justified personally until the
Holy Spirit actually applies Christ to them at the proper
time.¹³

¹¹Galatians 3:8; 1 Peter 1:2; 1 Timothy 2:6

¹²Romans 4:25

¹³Colossians 1:21, 22; Titus 3:4-7

11.5 Justification

God continues to forgive the sins of those who are
justified.¹⁴

Even though they can never fall from a state of
justification,¹⁵

they may fall under God's fatherly displeasure because
of their sins.¹⁶

In that condition they will not usually have the light of
his face restored to them until they humble themselves,
confess their sins, plead for pardon, and renew their
faith and repentance.¹⁷

¹⁴Matthew 6:12; 1 John 1:7, 9.

¹⁵John 10:28.

¹⁶Psalms 89:31-33.

¹⁷Psalms 32:5; Psalms 51; Matthew 26:75.

11.6 Justification

In all these ways, the justification of believers under the
Old Testament was exactly the same as the justification
of believers under the New Testament.¹⁸

¹⁸Galatians 3:9; Romans 4:22-24.

Scripture Proofs

¹¹**Galatians 3:8** And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all the nations be blessed."

1 Peter 1:2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

1 Timothy 2:6 who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

¹²**Romans 4:25** who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

¹³**Colossians 1:21-22** And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him

Titus 3:4-7 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

¹⁴**Matthew 6:12** and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

1 John 1:7,9 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

¹⁵**John 10:28** I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

¹⁶**Psalms 89:31-33** if they violate my statutes and do not keep my commandments, then I will punish their transgression with the rod and their iniquity with stripes, but I will not remove from him my steadfast love or be false to my faithfulness.

¹⁷**Psalm 32:5** I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Selah*

Psalm 51 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem; then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Matthew 26:75 And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

¹⁸ **Galatians 3:9** So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

Romans 4:22-24 That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness." But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord,