

- I. Justification is the outstanding benefit of the gospel. q. 59
- II. God has ordained and appointed baptism to remind us of this benefit.

Washed from Our Sin

I. The Needed Washing

A. In Psalm 51:1-3, David pleads for justification. He requests two things:

B. We pray for justification because this is our great need, just as it was David's.

II. The Only Ground

A. The only ground for being declared righteous is the righteousness of Jesus Christ.

1. Jesus Christ bore the punishment of sin in our place with perfect obedience.
2. God has imputed this righteousness of Christ to us.

B. This alone is what makes us righteous before God.

III. The Blessed Means

A. Faith is the only means of our justification. I am justified by faith alone.

B. Let us embrace and believe this truth of justification we have considered this morning.