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JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH

In the second chapter of Galatians, Paul explains the reason for rebuking Peter's hypocritical legalistic behavior directed against Gentile believers after the Jerusalem conference of (Acts 15).

Paul's doctrinal solution to this hypocritical legalism was the doctrine of Justification by Faith apart from works of the Law recorded in our lesson text (Gal.2:15-21).

(Gal.2:16) "Nevertheless knowing that a man is **not justified by the works of the Law** but through faith in Christ Jesus, so that we may be **justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law**; since by the **works of the Law no flesh will be justified.**"

Purpose of Law:

(Gal.3:24-25) "Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, **so that we may be justified by faith**. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor."

"**Justification** is seen by Protestants as being the theological fault-line that divided Catholic from Protestant during the Protestant Reformation." (Wikipedia)

"This one and firm rock, which we call the doctrine of **justification**," insisted Luther "is the chief article of the whole Christian doctrine, which comprehends the understanding of all godliness."

"For Luther, the doctrine of salvation by God's grace alone, received as a gift through faith and without dependence on human merit, was the measure by which he judged the religious practices and official teachings of the church of his day and found them wanting."

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| <p>This lesson will study four aspects of Justification by Faith.</p> |
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1. Justification (dikaiosis) is God's acquittal of the judicial guilt and judgment of Adam's Original Sin (AOS) in conjunction with the imputation of God's righteousness (dikaioisune) at the moment of believing the gospel of grace salvation (2 Cor.5:21).

Grace salvation brings God's acquittal of the thirteen judicial charges of Adam's Original Sin.

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(Rom.4:5) "But to the one who does not work but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is reckoned as righteousness."

Justification is a gift of God's grace given to every person who believes the gospel of grace salvation.

(Rom.3:24) "Being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ."

(Rom.5:1-2) "Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God."

2. The gospel of grace salvation consists of the death of Jesus Christ for our transgression and His burial and resurrection for our justification (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9).

(Rom.4:25) “He who was delivered up because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification. (Rom.5:15-21) (AOS)

(Rom.3:26) “For the demonstration, I say of His righteousness at the present time, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.”

3. A person is justified by faith apart from the works of the Law (Gal.2:16).

(Rom.3:20) “Because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.”

(Rom.3:27-28) “Where is the boasting, it is excluded. By what kind of Law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith. **For we maintain that a man is justified apart from works of the Law.**”

(Gal.3:11) “Now that no one is justified by the Law is evident; for, ‘the righteous man shall live by faith.’”

“We are here taught that there is but one way of salvation and it is the same for everyone. Faith in Christ plus NOTHING is the only way for a Jew to be saved argued Paul; if even a Jew cannot be saved by keeping the Law, why force the Law on Gentile believers?” (Galatians: Freedom through Christ, pg.37)

“Actually there are just two religions in the world: salvation by grace through faith in the finished work of Christ, and salvation by man’s efforts.” (Galatians: Freedom through Christ, pg.50)

4. Justification is one of the nine saving communion factors of the New Covenant Cup of the Eucharist.

(Rom.4:24-25) “**Being justified as a gift by His grace** through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; whom God displayed publicly as propitiation in **His blood** through faith.”

(1 Cor.11:25) “This cup is the New Covenant in **My blood**; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

(Rom.5:8-9) “But God demonstrated His own love towards us, in that we were yet sinners, Christ died for me. Much more then, having now been **justified by His blood**, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.”

“Man can stand before God only in virtue of his pistis (faith) and not in virtue of his works. The whole of Galatians combats the possible misunderstanding that pistis has to be supplemented by the accomplishment of certain works of the Law.” (TD of NT, vol.6, pg.219)

Nine Communion factors of the Eucharist: (The Lord’s Table) [See 50 Things Free](#)

1. Justification
2. Redemption
3. Propitiation
4. Reconciliation,
5. Peace with God
6. Forgiveness
7. Cleansing
8. New covenant
9. Victory in angelic conflict.