

JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH ALONE

Romans 1.16, 17, 3.21-26

JUSTIFICATION: THE WHAT AND THE HOW

First: the Problem - Romans 3.23

Romans 3.23 says that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." This is our problem. And since God is just and good Judge, He can't just "look the other way." Sin must be dealt with, and sinners must be punished.

Second: the Desire - Romans 3.26

However, *God does* desire two things: He wants to righteously deal with sin, satisfying His justice, but He *also* wants to show His mercy. This is God's "problem."

Third: the Source - Romans 3.24

If this were able to even happen, where would the source of this justification come from? Do we initiate this forgiveness? Do we seek the ear of the King so we can make our plea?

God's love is the source, not result, of the atonement. The atonement didn't procure grace, it flowed from grace. God doesn't love us because Christ died for us, Christ died for us because God loves us.

-P.T. Forsyth

Fourth: the Grounds - Romans 3.24, 25, 5.9

So the source is God's grace. But we know He must be just. So how does He reconcile this problem? We see that a satisfactory price was paid: redemption was purchased when the Judge's penalty was paid and His righteous anger toward sin was satisfied. This is called "propitiation." The payment is His blood, and this is what saves us.

Fifth: the Means - Romans 1.17, 3.25

So how do we receive it? Is it *now* earned? No, it is received by faith. Nothing more, and nothing less. This is why we say, "by grace, through faith."

Sixth: the Effects - Romans 5.6-11

We are not just simply forgiven now. That would be great, but being forgiven means "yes, you sinned, but I will now look the other way." This would be like amnesty, which shares a root with the word "amnesia." But justification is better than that. Justification makes us able to be actually *reconciled* with God. We are not just simply forgiven, but we are made to be just, to be righteous. We're not just "forgiven," but we are "not guilty."

2 Corinthians 5.21

FUTURE GRACE

And yet it still doesn't end there. Being forgiven helps us overcome our past, but being justified helps us to stand in the present, and into the future.

Two More Important Effects of Justification:

1. **Sanctification:** God will continue the work that He began in us.
2. **Glorification:** He will hold you and be with you always, even to the end of the age. He will be faithful, even when you are faithless. He will never leave you nor forsake you.



NOTES:

Upcoming Sermons:

Next week Paul will be focusing in on generosity, and how we are blessed when we are generous to others.

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Ephesians 2:8

Text For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along with our daily prayer requests by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **2 Year Bible Reading Plan**.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We'd LOVE for you to fill out the green **Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our teammates in a **Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information. Feel free to grab some food or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our **Kids on Mission** classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. Serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! **Fill out a connection card** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll forge friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

GIVING

Gospel-centered generosity is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call **Life Mission** your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. Visit our website to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart for the ministry and his walkthrough of our curriculum. For questions about KOM email **Katie McGinty** at katie@lifemission.tv

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to the junior high room with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **9th - 12th graders** stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. Our **High School Ministry meets on Thursday Nights @7PM at Casey & Amy Barnes Home in San Marcos**. For directions and/or questions about our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at casey@lifemission.tv.

VISION: WHY DO WE EXIST?

We want to see God's glory known among the nations, to the least, last, and lost.

MISSION: WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

We need to make disciples who make disciples locally and globally, who are saved, equipped, and sent by the Gospel.

STRATEGY: HOW WILL WE DO IT?

By teaching people how to be rooted in the Gospel of God's glory through the Word of God, Prayer, and Gospel Community.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the Memory Verse?

Read **Romans 1.16, 17, 3.21-26** Take some time and discuss what God revealed to you through His Word and the sermon on Sunday? _____

Why do we need to be justified? Without cheating by looking at the sermon notes, what two desires did God have (verse 26)? What was the motivating source for each of those desires (verse 24 and 26)? _____

How do we receive justification? Do we first approach God for forgiveness? Do we do certain actions to earn it? _____

Read **Romans 1:16-17**. Why is the righteousness of God revealed? How are we to walk? Do you currently feel as though you are walking this way, or do you walk out your salvation as if your works could save you or preserve you? _____

Read **Romans 5:6-11**. What is the difference between forgiveness and justification? How did God, being righteous judge, make this possible for us, and why? (verse 8). _____

Read **2 Corinthians 5:21**. What happened to Jesus, and why? What does it mean that "we have become the righteous of God?" _____

This justification makes us able to actually be RECONCILED to God. How does this change our outlook on how you live day to day? _____

What has the Cross of Christ purchased for you? How is God's grace toward you ongoing in your life, not just for forgiveness for a moment in the past, but for today, and even for tomorrow? How does this affect the way you perceive grace? _____

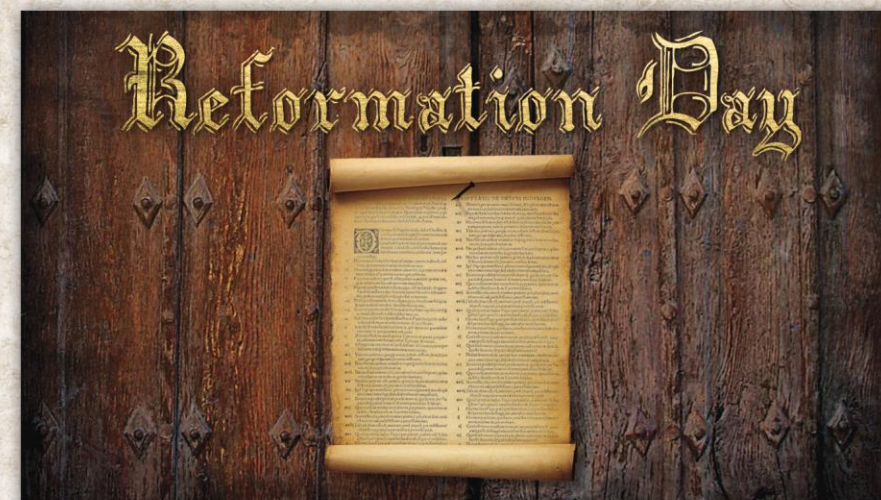
Spend some time in praying for encouragement to depend on God's grace to believe your standing in Christ, as well as let that standing be the basis of your fight against today's and tomorrow's sin and struggles.



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