

Justified by Faith

I. WHAT solemn charge is made against all men?

“All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23. See also verses 10-12.

2. Because of transgression what is the penalty all men face?

“The wages of sin is death.” Romans 6:23.

3. Because of man’s inability to justify himself before God’s law, what wonderful provision has God made?

“Therefore as by the offense of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of One the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.” Romans 5:18,

4. Through whom does this imputed righteousness come?

“You are Justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.” 1 Corinthians 6:11. “In the Lord shall all the seed of Israel be Justified, and shall glory.” Isaiah 45:25.

5. To what name is Jesus entitled?

“In His days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is His name whereby He shall be called, The Lord our Righteousness.” Jeremiah 23:6.

6. How did Jesus work in behalf of the sinner?

“By His knowledge shall My righteous Servant justify many; for He shall bear their iniquities.” Isaiah 53:11.

7. By what act in particular is the sinner justified?

“Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.” Romans 5:9.

8. Through the merits of Christ’s righteousness what is God prepared to impute to the sinner?

“Even as David also describes the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputes righteousness without works.” Romans 4:6.

9. How may we avail ourselves of this proffered salvation?

“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shall be saved.” Acts 16:31. “To him that works not, but believes on Him that justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.” Romans 4:3. See also Romans 1:17.

10. Why do many fall to accept the offer of grace?

“The word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.” Hebrews 4:2.

11. Is it possible for us to be justified without faith?

“Without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that comes to God must believe that He is, and that He rewards them that diligently seek Him.” Hebrews 11:6.

12. Through what medium does this faith come?

“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” Romans 10:17.

13. Have works any place in the obtaining of salvation?

“Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.” Romans 3:27, 28.

NOTE “If the article of justification be once lost, then is all true Christian doctrine lost.... He then that strays from this ‘Christian righteousness,’ must needs fall into the ‘righteousness of the law;’ that is to

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say, 'when he hath lost Christ, he must fall into the confidence of his own works.' "-Martin Luther, A Commentary on St. Paul's Epistle to the Galatians, page 136.

14. Is the law then set aside by faith?

"Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law." Verse 31.

15. What purpose does the law serve in salvation?

"By the law is the knowledge of sin." Verse 20. "The law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith." Galatians 3:21.

16. What is the only work we can do?

"Then said they unto Him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that you believe on Him whom He hath sent." John 6:28, 29.

17. Who is the chief example of justification by faith?

"What said the Scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness." Romans 4:3. See also verses 11, 16.

18. With whom do believers, therefore, associate themselves?

"Know you therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham." Galatians 3:7.

19. From what is man delivered by justification?

"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is everyone that hanged on a tree." Verse 13.

20. How completely is the sinner freed from the condemnation of the law?

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Romans 8:1.

21. Into what happy state are we brought through justification?

a. Peace with God. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 5m

b. Son ship. "You are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:26.

c. Access to God. In whom we have boldness and access [to God] with confidence by the faith of Him." Ephesians 3:12.

22. What further possibilities does justification open to us?

a. Eternal life. "Being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life." Titus 3:7.

b. Eternal glory. "Whom He called, them He also justified: and whom He justified, them He also glorified." Romans 8:30.

c. Eternal inheritance. "That they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in Me." Acts 26:18. See also Hebrews 9:15.

23. For what, therefore, should we earnestly seek?

"Be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith." Philippians 3:9.

Born From Above

I. WHAT qualification is absolutely essential to an entrance into the kingdom of God?

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3.