

Introduction

- I. In the previous Lord's Days we were looking at the articles of the Apostles' Creed. What good is it to believe all this? A. 59 is beautiful.
- II. How does God see me and view me? What do I believe about this? How can I be sure of this?

### ***Knowing I Am Righteous***

I. *The Justified Sinners*

A. The true knowledge of justification is that we are at the same time justified and sinners. God justifies the ungodly (Rom. 4:5).

1. My conscience accuses me that I have transgressed all God's commands.
2. But God's Word points us to something that is as equally true: we are justified. What does this mean?

B. The truth of justification has beautiful application: We have a covenant relationship with God.

II. *The Alien Righteousness*

A. We need alien righteousness because we have no righteousness of our own to bring. (A. 60, 61).  
Romans 4:1ff.

B. Our righteousness before God is God's righteousness that comes from Jesus Christ.

III. *The Means of Faith*

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

B. Let us embrace by faith alone that we are righteous before God for Jesus' sake.