

What is Redemption? Lesson 10 – Justification

Introduction

- God has ordained an _____ for the steps in salvation.
 - Election (God’s plan before creation)
 - The Gospel call (The proclamation of the Gospel)
 - Regeneration (Being born again)
 - Conversion (Faith and repentance)
 - Justification (God declaring us righteous)
 - Adoption (Membership in God’s family)
 - Sanctification (The life-long process of purification)
 - Perseverance (Remaining a Christian)
 - Death (Going to be with the Lord)
 - Glorification (Receiving a resurrection body)
- How can a sinner be accepted by a holy God?
- Justification is being declared and considered _____ before God on the basis of the righteousness of Christ.

1. The _____ for our justification.

A. God commands everyone to be _____.

1 Pet 1.16 since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

- _____ righteousness is the standard that we are required to meet.

Matt 5.48 You therefore **must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.**

B. Everyone is _____ of sin.

Rom 3.19 Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and **the whole world may be held accountable to God.**

Rom 3.23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

- Sin against God is everyone’s _____.

- Even committing only one sin makes us guilty of breaking the _____ law of God.

James 2.10 For whoever keeps the whole law but **fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.**

C. Everyone must give an _____ to God.

Psa 130.3 If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, **who could stand?**

- On the day of judgment, God will _____ us by the standard of His own perfect righteousness.

Gal 3.10 For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, **“Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.”**

Matt 25.46 And these will **go away into eternal punishment**, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Rev 20.15 And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, **he was thrown into the lake of fire.**

2. The _____ for our justification.

- Jesus’ perfect _____ is the basis for our justification.
- Jesus lived perfectly and died willingly in order to become our _____.

A. Jesus _____ as our perfect substitute.

Gal 3.13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by **becoming a curse for us—** for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”

1 Pet 2.24 He himself **bore our sins in his body on the tree**, that we might die to sin and **live to righteousness**. By his wounds you have been healed.

- Jesus satisfied God’s _____ against our sins.

1 John 4.10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent **His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.**

- Jesus _____ all the righteous requirements of God's Law to pay for our sins.

B. Jesus _____ righteously as our substitute.

- Jesus had to perfectly _____ God for us.

Matt 3.15 "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to **fulfill all righteousness**".

Matt 5.17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; **I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.**

Heb 7.26 For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, **holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.**

- Jesus did something that was impossible for us to do: He _____ God's favor.

Phil 2.8–9 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by **becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.** **9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,**

2 Pet 1.17 For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "**This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,**"

- Our righteous standing before God is based upon the _____ righteousness of Jesus Christ.

1 Pet 3.18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, **the righteous for the unrighteous,** that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,

3. The legal _____ of our justification.

- Justification is a _____ act of God.

A. God _____ His Son to be sin for us.

2 Cor 5.21 For our sake he **made him to be sin** who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

- God legally _____ Jesus to be the substitute sacrifice to bear our sins and punishment.

B. God declares that we no longer have any _____ to pay for our sin.

- That's what it means to be _____.

Col 2.13b–14 *having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14 by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.*

C. God declares that we have become Christ's _____.

2 Cor 5.21 *For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

- How can God consider a sinner to be righteous based on someone else's obedience?
 - God _____ all our sins by crediting them to Christ on the cross.
 - God _____ Christ's righteousness to us by His grace.
- Justification is God _____ us to be righteous because He has transferred our unrighteousness to Jesus AND the righteousness of Jesus to us.
- To be justified is to be _____ righteous by God.

Rom 5.18 *Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.*

Rom 5.19 *For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.*

Rom 8.33–34 *Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.*

- Justification means that we have been declared, “_____” by God.

Rom 8.1 *There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*

- Justification declares that a sinner is no longer guilty, and that the law of God has no basis to _____ us.
- Justification means that God sees us _____ in the perfect righteousness of Jesus.

Isa 64.6 *We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are **like a polluted garment**.*

Rev 7.13–14 *Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, **clothed in white robes**, and from where have they come?” 14 I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. **They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb**.*

Gal 3.27 *For as many of you as were baptized into Christ **have put on Christ**.*

- When God looks at those He has justified, He does not see sinners, but as righteous _____.

Rom 1.7 *To all those in Rome who are loved by God and **called to be saints**: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

1 Cor 1.2 *To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, **called to be saints** together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:*

3. Justification is an act of God’s _____.

Rom 3.24 *and are **justified by his grace as a gift**, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,*

Eph 1.7 *In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, **according to the riches of his grace**,*

4. Justification is obtained by _____.

Phil 3.9 *and be **found in him, not having a righteousness of my own** that comes from the law, **but that which comes through faith in Christ**, the righteousness from God that depends on faith*

Rom 3.26 *It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the **justifier** of the one who **has faith** in Jesus.*

Rom 5.1 *Therefore, since we have been **justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

- If we try to _____ any works at all to our faith in Christ, then we’re saying that Jesus’ righteousness is not enough!

Gal 2.16 *yet we know that **a person is not justified by works** of the law **but through faith in Jesus Christ**, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be **justified***

by faith in Christ and **not by works of the law**, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

Eph 2.8–9 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And **this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works**, so that no one may boast.

Conclusion:

- Justification is God _____ us to be righteous because He has transferred our unrighteousness to Jesus AND the righteousness of Jesus to us.
- Christ perfectly _____ the Law.
- Christ's obedience was _____ by the Father.
- Christ _____ God's favor for us.
- Christ's righteousness was _____ to us.
- God the Father now sees us in His Son as _____.
- God can now _____ us into His holy presence.

Micah 7.18 Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.

Gen 32.10 I am not worthy of the least of all the deeds of steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servant,

Psa 32:1-2 Blessed is the one whose **transgression is forgiven**, whose **sin is covered**. Blessed is the man **against whom the LORD counts no iniquity**, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.