

THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD RECEIVED
The Examples of Justification
Justification Is by God's Power through Faith Alone (4:16-25)

I. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD INTRODUCED (Romans 1:1-17)

II. SIN AND CONDEMNATION: THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD REQUIRED (Romans 1:18-3:20)

III. SALVATION AND JUSTIFICATION: THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD RECEIVED (Romans 3:21-5:11)

A. The Explanation of Justification (Romans 3:21-31)

B. The Examples of Justification (Romans 4:1-425)

1. Justification comes through faith alone (4:1-3).
2. Justification does not come through works (4:4-8).
3. Justification does not come through rituals (4:9-12).
4. Justification does not come through law (4:13-15).
5. Justification is by God's power through faith alone (4:16-25).

a. Abraham simply _____ God's _____ (4:16-18).

1) Abraham's faith was anchored in the _____ of God (4:17).

2) Abraham's faith rested on God's _____ (4:18).

b. Abraham's faith relied on God's _____ (4:19-25).

1) He did not consider by sight human _____ (4:19).

2) He did not waver at God's promise but was strengthened in _____ (4:20-21).

c. Justification by faith results in receiving the _____ of God (4:22).

d. Justification by faith is given to people of all ages who _____ (4:23-25).

e. Clarifying the confusion: "Believe in Jesus and ask or invite Him into your heart (life) to be saved".

* Is this a common response used today?

1) The Word of God has _____ that say "Ask Jesus into your heart".

* Why is this important (Isaiah 55:8-11 and Hebrews 4:12)?

* What is found over and over in the Bible?

* What will God bless?

2) Using this response reflects either _____ or _____ of what God has said

* What is true of everyone who has believed on Jesus Christ (Galatians 3:26)?

* What is true of everyone who is a child of God (Galatians 4:6)?

* Is this just a manner of wording or semantics?

3) This response robs you of the _____ of your salvation

4) What about Revelation 3:20?

* Who is this passage written to?

* What was their problem?

* What was Jesus offering them?

* What does Rev 3:20 not say?

The clarification: Jesus Christ comes into your heart when you put your _____ , not as a result of asking Him in.

f. Clarifying the confusion: “Come forward to receive Jesus” or “come forward and recite the sinner’s prayer to be saved”

1) There is not one _____ of this happening in the Bible.

2) This shifts the spotlight unto the person.

* What about shy people or extroverts?

3) Why do preachers and churches like to do this?

The Clarification: The issue for the lost sinner is to _____ by faith and not to _____ and pray a prayer.

g. Why it is so important to be clear with the Gospel:

1) When you are not clear you may actually be preaching a message that is _____.

2) Clarity of the gospel is connected with _____ the gospel.

3) Clarity of the gospel is required of _____ of the Lord.