

Resurrection Sunday, April 21, 2019  
The Resurrection and Justification  
Romans 4:24b–25; Romans 8:34

- I. Christ Is Raised for Our Justification Rom. 4:25
  - A. Believers Are Justified by the Death of Christ  
Rom. 4:25; Rom. 3:24, 25; Rom. 5:9; Rom. 3:28; Gal. 2:16  
Heb. 10:14; Jn. 10:28–29; Rom. 5:1; WCF XI.5
  - B. Believers Are Justified by the Resurrection of Christ  
Rom. 4:25b

*“The resurrection is viewed as that which lays the basis for our justification.” (John Murray)*

- II. Christ Is Raised to Intercede for Us Rom. 8:29–39
  - A. Resurrected Jesus Christ as Truly Man Prays for Us
    - 1. As Man, Incarnated into Our Weakness  
Heb. 2:14, 2:17, 4:14; 1 Tim 5:23
    - 2. As Man, Continuing to Remember Our Weakness  
Heb. 2:17-18; Jn. 11:33f.
  - B. Resurrected Jesus Christ as Truly God Prays for Us
    - 1. As God, Our Eternal Priest, Christ Prays for Us  
Heb. 7:24-25
    - 2. As God, Our Unchanging Priest, Christ Prays for Us  
Heb. 7:24-25
  - C. Resurrected Jesus Christ the God Man Is Praying for Us
    - 1. Christ Prays for His Church  
Isa. 63:9; Exo. 28:20.

*“Our Lord’s intercession at the Father’s right hand is the crowning glory of His priestly functions. Without this, all His priestly devotion in life and death would be without avail.” (Henry de Vries)*

- 2. Christ Prays for Each Believer  
Lk. 22:31–32; 1 Jn. 2:1, 2

- III. Christ Is Raised to Intercede for Our Justification
  - A. The Believer Remains in the State of Being Justified by the Prayers of Jesus Christ  
Rom. 8:33-34

*“Christ ever remains the Mediator to reconcile the Father to us; and his death has everlasting efficacy: namely, cleansing, satisfaction, atonement, and finally perfect obedience, with which all our iniquities are covered.” John Calvin*

- B. So the Necessity of Christ’s Resurrection is for Our Justification  
Rom. 8:33–34; Lk. 22:31

## QUOTES

*“Every need of the believer and every grace requisite to consummate his redemption are brought within the scope of Christ’s intercession.” (John Murray)*

*It is well-known that in Martin Luther’s writings [and] in table conversation Luther would often refer to visits from the Devil, how the Devil would come to him and whisper in his ear, accusing him of all manner of filthy sin: “Martin, you are a liar, greedy, lecherous, a blasphemer, a hypocrite. You cannot stand before God.” To which Luther would respond: “Well, yes, I am. And, indeed, Satan, you do not know the half of it. I have done much worse than that and if you care to give me your full list, I can no doubt add to it and help make it more complete. But you know what? My Savior has died for all my sins—those you mention, those I could add and, indeed, those I have committed but am so wicked that I am unaware of having done so. It does not change the fact that Christ has died for all of them; his blood is sufficient; and on the Day of Judgment I shall be exonerated because he has taken all my sins on himself and clothed me in his own perfect righteousness.”*