

Sunday, August 13, 2017
Justification by Faith Alone
Genesis 15:6; Romans 4:1–5; Galatians 3:6–10, 14

- I. Faith Is a *God / Christ-centered* Response for Justification
 - A. Faith's Object Is the Person of God
Gen. 15:1–6; Jer. 32:17; Rom. 4:5; Rom. 4:21; Jn. 5:24; Gal. 2:20

 - B. Faith's Object Is the Work of Christ
 - 1. The Dilemma: We Are Separated from God Because of Our Sin
Hab. 1:13; Jas. 2:10; Job 9:2

 - 2. The Issue: We Cannot Be Accepted Before God as We Are
Rom. 4:3–5, 13; Rom. 3:20; Gal. 2:16; Exo. 23:7; Prov. 17:15

 - 3. The Answer Part 1: God Has to Remove Our Sins That Separate Us from God
Rom. 4:7–8; 2 Cor. 5:21; Isa. 53:6; 1 Pet. 2:24

 - 4. The Answer Part 2: God Has to Give the Righteousness That We Need to Be Accepted by Him
Gal. 3:6–9; Jn. 8:56; Rom. 1:17; Phil. 3:9

- II. Faith Is the Only Response for Justification
 - A. Faith Is Only the Instrument of Justification
Rom. 4:4–6

 - B. Faith Is the *Only* Instrument of Justification
Rom. 4:4–6, 16; Phil. 3:8-9

Quotes:

“Our sins were the judicial ground of the sufferings of Christ, so that they [his sufferings] were a satisfaction of [God’s] justice; and his [Christ’s] righteousness is the judicial ground of our acceptance with God, so that our pardon is an act of justice. It is a justification; or, a declaration that justice is satisfied. . . . It is not mere pardon, but justification alone, that gives us peace with God.”

—Charles Hodge

“Strictly speaking, the true Christian church does not teach justification by faith. It teaches justification by Christ. Where does faith come in? It is simply the uniting with, the joining with, becoming one with the Lord Jesus Christ.” —John Gerstner

“It is from its object [Jesus Christ} that faith derives its value... The saving power of faith resides thus not in itself, but in the Almighty Savior on whom it rests... it is not faith that saves, but faith in Jesus Christ... it is not strictly speaking, even faith in Christ that saves, but Christ that saves through faith.”

—B.B. Warfield

“Faith is a very simple thing; it simply means the receiving of a gift; it simply means that abandoning the vain effort of earning our way into God’s presence we accept the gift of salv wh Christ offers so full and free.” —Gresham Machen

“Too many Christians live in constant despondency because they cannot distinguish between the rock on which they stand, and the faith by which they stand on the rock. Faith is not our rock; Christ is our rock. We do not get faith by having faith in our faith or by looking to faith, but by looking to Christ. Looking to Christ is faith.” —Joel Beeke

"Strong faith in a weak plank will land you in the river. But weak faith in a strong plank will get you across [the bridge]." —Paul Little

“It is not the strength of faith, but the perfection of the sacrifice, that saves; and no feebleness of faith, no dimness of eye, no trembling of hand, can change the efficacy of our burnt-offering.” —Horatius Bonar