



# Justification by Faith

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We have no ability to WILL ourselves into generating faith in our natural state

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Hebrews 11:7 KJV - By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

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Justification and Condemnation are opposites. If a judge condemns a criminal, or declares him to be in the wrong, he didn't MAKE him a criminal.

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Job 9:2 KJV - I know it is so of a truth: but how should man be just with God?

One of the most important questions posed in the bible

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Does anyone think they can make God righteous?

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(See also Isaiah 5:23, Psalm 51:4)

# Example of Justification

A man is on trial for a murder, and he's actually guilty

For some reason he is unable to actually attend the court hearing in which his verdict is declared, and has no access to a phone or internet

The jury finds him to be not guilty

Hypothetically, a week later someone comes to him and tells him they found him not guilty

When was he justified? When the verdict was declared? Or when he was told personally?

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But he was justified personally, when he was able to see for HIMSELF that the law found him to be innocent (even though he knows internally he is still guilty of the crime)

# Our Justification

We ALSO have multiple instances of justification

# Three Courtrooms



Internal



Heaven - God's law



People's opinions of  
our actions/works

# Our Justification



We were justified in the courtroom of **Heaven** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ

Romans 4:24-25 KJV - But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

# Our Justification



Jesus had already been Justified publically by God twice before

At his baptism, and on the mount of transfiguration when the voice of God spoke and said “This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased”

But Christ’s resurrection was our heavenly and eternally affirmed justification - the declaration of acceptance of the sacrifice

# Our Justification



We are justified in the courtroom of **public opinion** through our works, actions, and fruits

We wouldn't be able to bear fruits if we hadn't already been redeemed, justified, and regenerated as a result of the work of Christ

Therefore, they declare our righteousness

# And finally... Justification by faith



We are justified in the courtroom of our own heart and mind when we hear the good news of our eternal verdict by faith. We can experience a personal and intimate declaration of our legal status in the eyes of God.

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The result of our justification by faith is peace and assurance

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# Common mistakes - Sacramentarianism

“Justification by works (baptism, eucharist) is sufficient for the courtroom of heaven because it infuses the righteousness of Christ into you”

This is a misuse of the definition of Justification, these works are evidence or declaration of righteousness, but justification doesn't modify or change anyone from unrighteous to righteous

We also would have no desire to perform these actions without the new birth already taking place

# Common mistakes - Justification by faith

“The gift of salvation is given to us when we accept and believe the gospel, which justifies us before the courtroom of heaven”

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Belief is a work! Justification does not MAKE us righteous

1 Thessalonians 1:3 KJV - Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;

2 Thessalonians 1:11 KJV - Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power:

John 6:29 KJV - Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

# Common mistakes - Justification by faith

This also is mixing up gospel calling with effectual calling:

Titus 3:5 KJV - Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

We are saved eternally: legally by Christ, and vitally by the new birth. Being born again is when we are brought into union with Christ and the work of salvation is applied. Acceptance and belief is for our own peace, and the gospel only brings our eternal life to light

2 Timothy 1:10 KJV - But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

Questions?