

Justification

Introduction:

A. The very purpose of the gospel is to enable us to be justified before God. - Romans 3:20-31

B. How can we be justified before God?

I. The System of Justification

A. not the law; not its purpose - Romans 3:20; Galatians 3:10

B. the faith of Christ - Romans 3:21-22; cf. 10:8,16-17

II. The Scope of Justification by Faith

A. for all - Romans 3:22; cf. 2:11

B. because all need it - Romans 3:23

III. The Basis of Justification

A. by grace - Romans 3:24

B. through redemption in Christ - Romans 3:24-25

IV. The Means of Justification

A. faith - Romans 3:25; 5:9-10

B. the obedience of faith - Romans 1:5; 16:26; cf. 6:3-4

V. The Results of Justification

A. God is shown to be righteous. - Romans 3:26

B. There is no grounds for boasting. - Romans 3:27-28; Luke 17:10

C. God is shown to be the God of all. - Romans 3:29-30

D. The purpose of the law is fulfilled. - Romans 3:31; 10:4

Conclusion:

A. The judgment of Christ will be just. - John 5:30

B. Will you be justified before Him on that great day? - John 5:28-29