

Week 10

5. Justification and Sanctification

a. Justification (This is very important as it relates to “walking” with God)

- Gaining an understanding of this most important issue
 - Simply put, justification means to “make **JUST**”; to declare “_____ guilty.” In a legal sense, it has to do with acquittal, vindication, and acceptance before a judge. In any trade the word “justify” means to take the object and bring it into **PERFECT** order.
 - Deuteronomy 25:1 -

NOTE The question is **NOT** one of moral improvement. The judges are **NOT** to make the right man a better man. They are to totally vindicate his position as satisfactory to the law.

KEY The main thrust of justification is with man’s *need* of divine deliverance, not from the power of sin, but from its _____.

- We do not **only** need the forgiveness of sins, the remittance of sin itself, the pardon from the righteous vengeance of God, but we need to be welcomed into His presence as if we have **NEVER**, ever sinned. Justification is NOT a pardon. Justification is NOT being found guilty but instead given a second chance ... **No!**

Q: How can I, a sinner, be received by my God whom I have grieved as if I had never grieved Him?

A: Through justification by _____, I can be received by God, as if I have never grieved Him, when I trust, by faith, Jesus Christ’s substitutionary death, burial, and resurrection. I am completely, totally, thoroughly clean, with **NO provable evidence** of guilt whatsoever!!!

KEY The power of faith lies **NOT** in the one who trusts, but rather in the object of the **FAITH** (*think about it*). Faith is the way and means of our justification. By faith we are united with God through Christ Jesus.

- Justification is the **legal act**, whereby man's guilty status before God is _____.

Man is now good and **PERFECT** in the eyes of God.

Man is found **NOT GUILTY**.

Justification by faith is solely based upon the _____ of God through Christ's sacrifice.

- Romans vs. James

Romans 3:28 Romans declares that through faith a man is justified before God.

Romans says **faith** is the **root** of justification.

James 2:24 James declares that through works a man is justified before men.

James says **works** is the **fruit** of justification.

Key Point: Man justifies only the innocent – God justifies only the **GUILTY!**

Man justifies on the basis of self-merit – God justifies on the basis of the **SAVIOR'S** merit.