

# L1: The Need for Clarity for Justification by Faith for All Time

## Sermon Intro:

- Confusing
  - God's Immutability
    - God's Righteousness
    - Man's Unrighteousness
    - God's Justice
    - The Law of Faith
  - Is this a matter we rightly divide?
    - Many verses about working
    - Many verses about believing
    - Verses about both together
  
- Clarity
  - Today justification is by grace through faith in Christ
  - What we will be examining?
    - The just shall live by faith
      - Is not an expression of the content of their faith or what they believed, but that faith is the basis of how one is just and shall live eternally
    - Nevertheless, we will examine and more clearly understand what it is they believed that justified them by faith.
    - Therefore, I will be teaching that although those that lived prior to the law, as well as, those that lived under the law did not believe in "the faith of Christ" they were nevertheless justified unto eternal life by faith.
  - When we understand this matter as it is supposed - there are new categories of doctrine that we will need to learn and understand that we didn't even know existed because we were making verses say what they were not saying.
  - First go through what the apostle Paul teaches on the matter that we may understand more perfectly.
  
- Carefulness
  - This doctrine has been widely accepted in dispensational camps not first on the basis of scripture, but on this notion:
    - Many denominational and even non-denominational churches teach that one is justified by faith plus works, it isn't that this is wrong because we

see it in the scripture, but it just isn't true today.

- In other words, many believe on the basis of experience and of what some teach today, that is, justification by faith plus works, that it is no wonder seeing that it is in the Bible, they just need to rightly divide the word of truth.
- Therefore, when one presents to them that justification is and only could be by faith alone they are fearful not based upon a sound argument, but based upon their experience - thoughts that then one doesn't rightly divide the word of truth.
- Example:
  - Someone that was entrenched in Catholicism, therefore they learned and believed they needed to have faith plus do all these works to be just in God's sight ends up departing Catholicism when they begin to learn and believe that God justifies unto eternal life on the basis of faith alone and not works.
  - They hear then or later from someone that believes those prior to Paul were justified by faith plus works explain that Catholicism is teaching something that God ACTUALLY established in times past, but that it isn't the truth today. Then, when presented with the doctrine of justification unto eternal life by faith alone even to those prior to Paul they think that you are just teaching what everyone else teaches and may even think you don't rightly divide.
- I would ask before any assumptions or accusations you hear and listen what will be taught, then think about it.
  - The Bible teaches justification unto eternal life by faith plus works and condemns it.
  - The Bible teaches justification unto being a friend of God by faith plus works and exalts it.
  - The Bible teaches the just shall live by faith, or his faith and this doesn't need to be rightly divided.
  - The Bible teaches when it comes to the righteousness of God, the faith of Christ needs to be rightly divided from what was witnessed to what was manifested - not prophecy or mystery.
- Careful with Terms and Expressions
  - Justification
    - Justification unto eternal life (before God)
  - Salvation
    - Salvation from the debt and penalty of sins
  - Soul
  - Death

- Life
- The Righteousness of God with the law & without the law
  - Witness & Manifest - the faith of Christ

### **Sermon Preview:**

#### The Need for Clarity

- Justification
- Salvation
- The Righteousness of God

### **Sermon:**

#### **Justification**

- Romans 3:4; 3:19-20; 4:2; James 2

#### **Salvation**

- Romans 1:16 - salvation from wrath against unrighteousness
- Ephesians 1:13 - gospel of your salvation
- Psalm 138:7 - saved from enemies
- 1 The. 5:9 - obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ (saved from wrath)
- Php. 2:12 - salvation from predicaments between each other

#### **Righteousness**

- Romans 1:17 - righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith
- Romans 2:26; 8:4 - righteousness of the law
- Romans 3:19-22, 25 - righteousness of God without the law
- Romans 4:11; 9:30-31, 10:3-4, 5-6 - righteousness of faith
- Romans 5:17 - gift of righteousness
- Romans 6:18 - servants of righteousness
  - Php. 1 - fruits of righteousness
  - 1 Cor. 15:34 - awake to righteousness
  - 2 Cor. 6:7 - armour of righteousness
  - 1 Tim. 6:11; 2 Tim. 2:22, 3:16 - follow after righteousness
- Galatians 2:21; 3:6, 21

### **Sermon Conclusion: Review/Summarize**