

Group Chat

SUMMARY

Saving Faith Pt. 2

Justification is the gracious declaration that we are righteous because Jesus' righteousness has been credited to us (just as on the cross our sin was credited to Jesus), and because we have been united to the righteous one through the Holy Spirit. This gift is received by faith in the work of Jesus and brings us into peace with God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Romans 4:1-5. This passage contrasts a wage and a gift. Think about wages (paychecks) that you've received and gifts you received. How do they differ? How do you think about them or relate to them differently? How does this translate to justification by faith?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 5:21. Which side of this exchange feels more concrete to you: Christ being treated as truly sinful on the cross (despite his righteousness), or you being treated as righteous in him (despite your sin)? Why should the reality of the first give you confidence in the second?
3. Read Philippians 3:4-9. Paul says he does not put any confidence in human efforts, but only in the righteousness that he has received. The gift never changes, neither should the confidence. Does your confidence fluctuate? When and why? How do you change that?

