

The Path to Justification
Galatians 3:1-14
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⇒ Everything Paul has said thus far and will continue to say in this epistle is to combat the heresy of legalism.

Galatians 2:16

Strong's # 1344 δικαίω (dikaio)

- Justification is the act of God whereby he declares a believing sinner righteous in Jesus Christ.
- God declares the believing sinner righteous; he does not make him righteous.

⇒ Not Forgiveness, not a Pardon

- Justification is not forgiveness, because a person could be forgiven and then go out and sin and become guilty again.
- Justification is also different from the pardon, because a pardoned criminal still has a record. When the sinner is justified by faith his/her past sins are remembered against him/her no more!

Well, don't I need works? Good deeds?

- YES!!! BUT NOT FOR YOUR ADMISSION INTO ETERNITY!

⇒ Before sinners trust Christ, they stand guilty before God; but the moment they trust Christ, they are declared not guilty! Moreover they can never be called guilty again!"

6 arguments for salvation through faith alone:

1. Personal Argument 3:1-5
2. Scriptural Argument 3:6-14
3. Logical Argument 3:15-29
4. Historical Argument 4:1-11
5. Sentimental Argument 4:12-18
6. Allegorical Argument 4:19-31

Galatians 3:1-5

- The Holy Spirit is a gift. You don't spiritually save up to buy his presence through any means of your own. Holy Spirit living within you is received by grace.

Galatians 3:6-9

Genesis 15: 1:6

Galatians 3:10-14