

THE CHRISTIAN FAITH | SESSION 9

CHAPTER 9: JUSTIFICATION

KEY TOPICS: GRACE ALONE | FAITH ALONE | CHRIST ALONE | SINNER SAINT | LAW & GOSPEL

READING & RESOURCES

Read before Life Group

• Kolb - Chapter 9 "Justification"

Read at Life Group

• Scripture Reading: Romans 3:1-4:3

STUDY QUESTIONS

- 1. Human beings cannot make ourselves righteous in any way. Where do we intentionally, or unintentionally, act or feel like we can?
- 2. In what ways can we as Christians feel that we are making ourselves righteous? In other words, are there ways that we become prideful in what we do or know?
- 3. The doctrine of election can be summarized as; God wants us all to be saved (1 Timothy 2:4), and those who are saved are chosen (Ephesians 1:4-5). What are your thoughts on those concepts and verses?
- 4. There are two main applications of election that are wrong for Christians to do; assuming others are not saved (because we assume we are) and judging them and being apathetic about either how we live (it doesn't matter what I do cause I'm saved) or our calling as followers of Jesus (I don't need to share my faith with others). Which of these applications are you more likely to commit?
- 5. What are the dangers of only hearing the Gospel when you are secure in your sins and arrogantly feel superior to others? What are the dangers of hearing only the Law when you are broken by your sin and in despair?
- 6. Where in our Christian culture do you hear things like "I made a decision" or "you have to be faithful to be blessed" that disagree with our theology that faith is a gift and God decides?
- 7. Describe how all identity, security, meaning, and all there is in life is found in Christ alone.

CLOSE IN PRAYER

LIFE APPLICATION

EASY: Journal about an area of your Christian discipleship or area of life where you have been relying on yourself instead of on God.

MORE FULFILLING: Invite someone who is a part of another denomination, or even better another faith, to discuss the source of life and meaning. Describe how for us that is Jesus Christ alone!



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