

HERE WE STAND
5 Pillars of Reformation
Through Faith Alone
Romans 3:21-26

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Righteous Father, full of steadfast love, faithfulness and plentiful redemption. Blessed indeed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity. Use your word this morning, LORD, to convince us of our sin. May your word bear clear witness that we are altogether sinful and unrighteous in your eyes. None are righteous, no, not one. All of us have turned aside. We seek our own way of salvation, our own righteousness more attractive, palatable and agreeable. Lord, forgive us. Our paths are ones of ruin and misery. Many are the sorrows of the wicked. Grant your grace this morning, Father, that we might fix our eyes upon Jesus Christ, the author, object and perfecter of our faith. May we abandon our worthless, damning self made righteousness and cling to your righteousness Father. The righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. Give us faith, O LORD, faith in Jesus Christ and the redemption He alone provides for all who believe. And cause us to rest in faith alone in Christ. May we not doubt the gospel and begin to mingle faith with some of our effort or good intentions. May faith, faith alone in Christ alone be our joy, our hope, our glorious redemption. We ask these things in the name of our Deliverer and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen & Amen.

OUTLINE

1. The Display of Justification (vv. 21-22)
2. The Way of Justification (vv. 22b-25a)
3. The Proof of Justification (vv. 25b-26)

Central Textual Truth

Through Faith Alone God reckons all who believe Righteous.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to believe in Jesus Christ to be declared Righteous.