

NBC Proposed Confession of Faith

Sunday School Class

December 5, 2010

Class Outline



Class #1: Introduction: *Why Do This Study?*

Class #2:

1. The Tri-une God
2. Revelation (Part 1)

Class #3:

2. Revelation (Part 2)

Class #4:

3. Creation of Humanity

Class #5:

4. The Fall
5. The Plan of God
6. The Gospel

Class #6:

7. The Redemption of Christ

Class #7:

8. The Justification of Sinners

Class #8:

9. The Power of the Holy Spirit

Class #9:

10. The Kingdom of God

Class #10:

11. God's New People

Class #11 & 12:

12. Baptism and the Lord's Supper
13. The Restoration of All Things

The Justification of Sinners

"This indeed must be all our strength - to see nothing in ourselves, but all in Christ." – **Richard Sibbes**

Read Paragraph #7 **"The Justification of Sinners"**

- "by his obedience and death..."

"We naturally incline to think that God will justify those who are righteous. But Paul is saying that God accepts and pardons those who don't deserve to be accepted and pardoned, declares righteous those who are unrighteous, declares accepted those who ought not to be accepted, and declares sinners in rebellion against Him to be accepted and in right relationship to Him. That's how radical justification by faith is!"

– **Ligon Duncan**

Two Historic Challenges to Justification

- Roman Catholic (Baptism, Penance...)
- Saved by Faith (My Faith is *Considered* Righteousness)

Read **Romans 3:21-28; Romans 5:18-21**

"Jesus lived the life we should have lived, and died the death we should have died!" – **Dr. Tim Keller**

Why would a Christian ever stop sinning?

Read **Romans 6:1-14**

- Grace reigns in the life of a believer not sin
- Grace unites us with Jesus: Our confidence for success against sin is based on who Jesus is!

Paul does not argue that you now owe God obedience!

- Motivated by a Free Love not Debtors Gratitude