

Things Most Surely Believed Among Us:
An Exposition of the 1689 Baptist Confession of Faith
Chapter 11: Of Justification

I. THE SUBSTANCE OF JUSTIFICATION (Paragraph 1)

II. THE INSTRUMENT OF JUSTIFICATION (Paragraphs 1-2)

A. FAITH IS THE INSTRUMENT NOT THE GROUND OF JUSTIFICATION

1. To Credit Faith As Righteousness Contradicts the Nature of Faith

2. The Context of Romans 4 Speaks also of a Credited Righteousness

3. The Witness of Scripture As a Whole Supports that Faith Is the Instrument Not the Ground of Justification

*A. SCRIPTURE ELSEWHERE STATES THAT IT IS AN EXTERNAL
RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT IS THE GROUND OF OUR JUSTIFICATION*

i. We Are Justified by the Righteousness of God

ii. We Are Justified by the Righteousness of Christ

*B. SCRIPTURE ELSEWHERE DISTINGUISHES BETWEEN RIGHTEOUSNESS
AND THE FAITH THROUGH WHICH THAT RIGHTEOUSNESS IS CREDITED
TO OUR ACCOUNT*

*C. SCRIPTURE ELSEWHERE SPEAKS OF FAITH AS THE INSTRUMENT OR
THE MEANS RATHER THAN THE GROUND OF JUSTIFICATION*

**4. The Greek Preposition May Be Translated Not Only “As” But Also “Unto” or
“Resulting In”**

III. THE GROUND OF JUSTIFICATION (Paragraph 3)

A. THE COMPLETE SATISFACTION OF GOD’S JUSTICE

B. THE GRACIOUS SATISFACTION OF GOD’S JUSTICE

1. The Lord Graciously Allowed a Substitute for Obedience and Satisfaction

**2. The Lord Graciously Gave His Son a Substitute for Obedience and
Satisfaction**

**3. This Gracious Allowance and Provision Was Done Freely Not for Anything
in the Justified**

C. THE GLORIOUS SATISFACTION OF GOD’S JUSTICE