

Intro:

READ WLC Q&A 72.

EP: Anyone who believes on Jesus as the Messiah shall be saved by Him.

HP: *You who believe are justified.*

Move 1: *It is God's gracious work in you that you have saving faith to be justified.*

LC: "saving grace". *But we are ... of them that believe to the saving of the soul.* (Heb 10:39)

- By a Gracious Savior: LC: "wrought in the heart of a sinner by the Spirit": You don't save yourself.
 - *We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;* (2Co 4:13). Conversion result of regeneration.
 - READ Ephesians 1:17-19
- Means Used: LC: "and word of God": *... how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.* (Rom 10:14, 17)
- Saving Response Generated: LC: "whereby he, being convinced of his sin and misery, and of the disability in himself and all other creatures to recover him out of his lost condition": Source of justification is regeneration.
- When people are born of the Spirit, we see saving faith responses to the Word:
 - *Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?* (Act 2:37)
 - *And [the jailer] brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?* (Act 16:30)
- LC 71, faith required: *And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me;* (John 16:8-9). SC 32: faith a condition.
- But you are only justified by faith because of Christ's saving work and the Spirit's application of it to you through the gift of faith.
 - *For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.* (Rom 5:6)
 - *And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;* (Eph 2:1)
 - *Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.* (Act 4:12)

Move 2: *The Spirit saves you through faith on the basis of Christ's redemptive work.*

LC: "for pardon of sin and for the accepting and accounting of his person righteous in the sight of God for salvation": Justified on account of Christ's cross work and life's work, not your works.

Even faith, though your response, is a gift and thus not a work. Faith not basis, but means.

- *And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:* (Phi 3:9)

- *But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved ... (Act 15:11)*

Move 3: *You must know the Gospel and believe on Jesus to be justified.*

LC: “assenteth to the truth of the promise of the gospel”. Agree w/ facts (historical):

- *In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, (Eph 1:13)*
- *To him give all the prophets witness ... Acts 10:43. Knowing certain propositions necessary.*

LC: “not only” “but receiveth and resteth upon Christ and his righteousness, therein held forth”:

- *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: (Joh 1:12). Received/believe synonymous. Faith is belief/trust/reception in the Scriptures. Gospel “promise” is inherently Personal and personal.*
- *... Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. (Act 16:31).*
- *... through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. (Act 10:43):*
 - The prophets preached the Messiah would also save the gentiles (Abrahamic covenant). Believing on His name (God saves) is what saves – not works!
 - Vs. 42: preaching God’s judgment on wicked, thus need to be justified by Him.
 - Vs. 44: Holy Ghost fell upon Gentiles, so baptized. All saved by faith in Jesus, not works Moses.

Conclusion:

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