

THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD RECEIVED

The Examples of Justification Justification Is Not by Law (4:13-15)

- I. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD INTRODUCED (Romans 1:1-17)
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A. The Explanation of Justification (Romans 3:21-31)

B. The Examples of Justification (Romans 4:1-425)

1. Justification comes through faith alone (4:1-3).
2. Justification does not come through works (4:4-8).
3. Justification does not come through rituals (4:9-12).
4. Justification does not come through law (4:13-15).

a. Abraham was justified _____ the law (4:13).

1) God's promise to Abraham was not _____ (4:13a).

2) God's promise to Abraham was based on the principle of _____ (4:13b).

b. Justification by law is _____ to the principle of faith (4:14-15).

1) A person who approaches God based on law makes God's grace _____ (4:14).

2) The law can only _____, it cannot save (4:15).

c. Clarifying the confusion: "Believe in Jesus Christ and keep the 10 Commandments to be saved"

1) The Word of God shows that everyone _____ the 10 commandments.

* Can a sinner keep the law?

2) The law proves that everyone is _____ before God (Romans 3:1-20).

3) The law was designed to lead us _____ (Galatians 3:24-25).

The Clarification: Though the law can _____ that we are _____, it cannot save us from the penalty of our sin.

d. Clarifying the confusion: “Believe in Jesus Christ and live a holy life to be saved”

1) How holy must your life be (Matthew 20)?

(a) Romans 2 explains that it is _____ to live a completely holy life.

(b) Jesus declared that even the _____ of His day did not live a holy enough life (Matthew 5:20).

2) The command to “be holy, for I am holy” is for the _____, not the unsaved (1 Peter 1:13-17).

The Clarification: While every believer should live a holy life, this should be the _____ of salvation, not the means of obtaining or maintaining it (1 Peter 1:13-17).

e. Clarifying the confusion: “Believe on Jesus Christ and make Christ Lord of your life to be saved.”

1) The Word of God has _____ that teach “make Jesus Lord of your life to be saved”.

2) Justification is a matter of trusting Jesus Christ as _____ (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)

3) You must first _____ before you can present or yield yourself to Jesus Christ as the Lord of your life (Romans 12:1-2).

* What about the carnal Christian (1 Corinthians 3:1-4)?

* Don’t you have to obey the Gospel (Romans 10:16)?

* What about “making a commitment to Christ” (2 Timothy 1:12)?

The Clarification: Since Jesus Christ is Lord (God), salvation comes by simply _____ Him, not by yielding to Him (Romans 12:1-2).