- A. The right view of the Christian life requires first a right view of the doctrine of justification.B. Today, our having this right view of justification is all the more urgent!
  - Jehovah's Covenant Secret: God's Justification of His Covenant People
- I. Legally Imputing Christ's Righteousness.
  - A. Justification defined -
  - B. The definition explained:
    - 1. Who are justified?
    - 2. What are the two main components of justification?
    - 3. How can God declare the *sinner* to be righteous?
- II. Only By True Faith in Christ.
  - A. By one means, and one only, this justification becomes ours.
  - B. To underscore this, let us restate: we are not justified by the works of the law.
- III. With A View To Covenant Fellowship.
  - A. Apart from God's justification of sinners, our covenant fellowship with God is impossible.
  - B. With a view to such fellowship, not only does God justify us by faith in Christ, but He also declares in the gospel that He has done so.
  - C. Our seeking to draw near to God to enjoy fellowship with Him is the fruit of our justification!