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Redeemed #37 – Justification Part 4

Book recommendations: Jerry Bridges, Transforming Grace (NavPress, 2017)

My definition of justification (partial definition):

A declaration of righteousness according to the demands of the character & holiness of God (or His Law), by God as our Judge. The instrumental cause of justification is the believer's genuine saving faith in Jesus Christ, whose death atoned for our sin, as our legal substitute.

Understanding Justification (Continued)

Rom. 3:10 as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; **11** no one understands; no one seeks for God. **12** All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one." **13** "Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive." "The venom of asps is under their lips." **14** "Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness." **15** "Their feet are swift to shed blood; **16** in their paths are ruin and misery, **17** and the way of peace they have not known." **18** "There is no fear of God before their eyes." **19** Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. **20** For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. **21** But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— **22** the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: **23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **24** and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, **25** whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. **26** It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

- I presented 3 points from this passage:
 - A) The Necessity of Justification
 - B) The Instrument of Justification
 - C) The Basis for Justification

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B) Instrument of Justification (by Faith Alone)

C) The Basis of Justification

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Basis of Justification Part 1: Penal Substitution

Basis of Justification – Part 2: Imputed Righteousness

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Rom. 3:21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— **22** the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

Rom. 4:3 For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.”

2Cor. 5:21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Rom. 5:12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— **13** for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. **14** Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. **15** But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. **16** And the free gift is not like the result of that one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. **17** For if, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. **18** Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. **19** For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous. **20** Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, **21** so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Obedience

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Justified by the Obedience of Christ

1st - Passive obedience

Phil. 2:8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Matt. 26:39 And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will."

2nd - Active obedience

Union with Christ

Final Definition of Justification

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Justification and The Christian Life

from Puritan Thomas Brooks' The Golden Key to Open Hidden Treasures

1. Believers, be comforted that the imputed righteousness of Christ is enough to fully satisfy the justice of God & to take all his wrath & fury
2. Be comforted that the imputed righteousness of Christ means all your unrighteousness is taken away
3. Be Comforted that the imputed righteousness of Christ presents us perfectly righteous in the sight of God
4. Be comforted that the imputed righteousness of Christ answers all your fears, doubts, and objections.
5. Be comforted the imputed righteousness of Christ is evidence of your place in the eternal kingdom of God...like a title deed to the kingdom.
6. Be comforted the imputed righteousness of Christ is the greatest place to build your, joy, peace, and clear conscience upon.
7. Be comforted the imputed righteousness of Christ is the highest reason in the world to rejoice and triumph in Christ.
8. Be comforted the imputed righteousness of Christ strengthens you heart against the dismay and discouragement under the sense of weakness and imperfection or our own righteousness.
9. Be comforted the imputed righteousness of Christ gives us great boldness to come before the throne of God