



Faith Alone

Part 2

Lesson Twelve

Seven Reasons Why Justification Is by Faith Alone

Romans 3:19-28

1. **The MEANING of Justification:** A *verdict* that **declares us righteous** and not a *process* that **makes us righteous over time**.
2. **The NEED for Justification:** Sin is **universal** and divine condemnation is **inescapable**.
3. **The SOURCE of Justification Is Grace Alone:** Justification is a **free gift** that is **freely given** by God to the undeserving, the unworthy, and ungodly.
4. **The BASIS for Justification Is Christ Alone:** Justification is made possible by His sinless righteousness and satisfactory work as the sinner's substitute!
5. **The EXCHANGE / IMPUTATION of Justification.**

Romans 3:25-26; 2Corinthians 5:21

❖ **Imputation** simply means to **CREDIT or COUNT or RECKON** something to someone's account. *Romans 4:4*

❖ **Substitution** is absolutely **NECESSARY** for the ungodly to be declared righteous by imputation. *1John 4:9-10*

Out of a heart of love, the Father **and** the Son made sure that our unrighteousness was **justly punished in our place on the cross** (= Propitiation) and Christ's righteousness was **offered up in our place for our payment** (= Redemption)!

❖ **Justification** is a great **EXCHANGE (or TRANSFER)** where our unrighteousness is **credited** (= imputed) as Christ's and Christ's righteousness is **credited** (= imputed) as ours by faith in Him and His work for sinners!

"He [God] made Him [Christ] who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."
2Corinthians 5:21

God's Triple Imputation

- 1) Adam's sin is **credited** (imputed) to **ALL** who are born to him. *Romans 5:12-19*
- 2) Our sin was **credited** (imputed) to **CHRIST** on the cross.
- 3) Christ's righteousness is **credited** (imputed) to all who are **JUSTIFIED** by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone!

Our Response Is to Reckon What God Has Done for Us in Christ as Being True of Us in Christ!

Even so **consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus**. *Romans 6:11; see also Philippians 3:7-9*

"O the sweet exchange, O the incomprehensible work of God, O the unexpected blessings, that the sinfulness of many should be hidden in one righteous man, while the righteousness of one should justify many sinners!" – Tom Schreiner, *Faith Alone*

This Great Exchange is ours due to our UNION with Christ alone by grace alone through faith alone.

"But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, so that, just as it is written, 'Let him who boasts, boast in the LORD.'" 1Corinthians 1:30-31

6. The MEANS of Justification.

Romans 3:22, 25-26

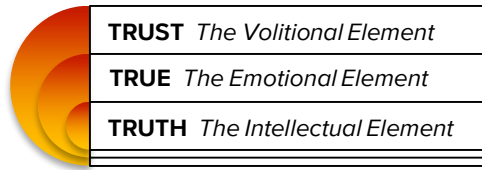
❖ Faith **ALONE** is the **means** (instrumentality) of being justified by the just Judge! *Romans 1:16-17*

❖ Faith alone does **not** save us; **CHRIST** saves us by means of our faith in Him and His ability to save us!

The issue is WHO or WHAT is the OBJECT of your faith?

❖ Faith alone is a saving faith that **turns** from all else to **trust** in Christ alone and results in a **transformed** life.

- 1) Saving Faith involves **TURNING**. Acts 20:21; 26:17-20; 1Thessalonians 1:8-10
- 2) Saving Faith is **TRUSTING**.



- 3) Saving Faith results in **TRANSFORMATION**.

7. The **GOAL** of Justification.

Romans 3:27-28; 1Corinthians 1:29-31

❖ The goal of justification is **GOOD WORKS** to the glory of **GOD ALONE!**

- 1) Faith alone saves but saving faith is **NEVER ALONE!**
Ephesians 2:8-10; James 2:14-18

Works Alone ≠ **Justification: Declared Right in God's Sight**

Faith + Works ≠ **Justification** (Paul's focus in Romans 3)

Faith Alone ≠ **Justification – Works** (James' focus in James 2)

Faith Alone = **Justification + Works** (Paul & James Agree!)

- 2) Faith alone gives God all the glory because we have **NO REASON** to boast before Him!
Romans 3:27-28; 4:2; 15:7; 1Corinthians 1:29-31; 4:7; 2Corinthians 10:17; 12:9; Galatians 6:14; Ephesians 2:9

❖ God gets all the glory because justification by faith alone...

- 1) **HUMBLES** us.

"We are justified and yet still sinners!" – Martin Luther

- 2) **ASSURES** us.

"Therefore, having been **justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.**" Romans 5:1-2

"Therefore there is now **no condemnation** for those who are **in Christ Jesus!**" Romans 8:1

"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? **Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.**" Rom 8:31-34

- 3) **MOTIVATES** us.

For **discipleship** – Romans 12:1-2

For **evangelism** – Romans 1:16-17

For **missions** – Romans begins and ends as a missionary letter!

"Therefore, any human concern that has only to do with this world, no matter how global, no matter how painful, no matter how enduring – if it has only to do with this world – compares to the importance of saving faith as a thimble to the ocean." – Tom Schreiner, Faith Alone

- 4) **CHANGES** us.

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Have You Received the Gift of Justification from the Just God?

According to Scripture Alone...

The Gift is **OFFERED** to All Undeserving Sinners Without Distinction and No Exceptions!

The Gift is **RECEIVED** by Believing Sinners Who Hear the Good News and Respond...

by **FAITH ALONE** in **CHRIST ALONE** by **GRACE ALONE** for the **GLORY** of **GOD ALONE!**