

Main Scripture: Galatians 2:11-16

11 But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. 12 For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. 13 And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. 14 But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

15 We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; 16 yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

Scripture References:

Romans 3:19-26 - 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.

Luke 15:20-24 – And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. 21 And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22 But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. 23 And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. 24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

Titus 3:4-6 – But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

East Glenville Church – Sermon Notes Handout – July 14th 2024
Galatians #4 – Galatians 2:11-16 – *Justified by Faith*

Main Idea: All people are sinners and stand _____ before God – We are under _____
To be justified is to attain _____ - _____ before God – We are _____
The gospel message is that justification is through faith in Christ and not the _____

Galatians 2:15–16 – _____ in the church leads Paul to spell out “justification by faith.”

2:15 The doctrine of justification by faith covers both _____ and _____

2:16 “*not by works of the law*” – The Law is not a _____ we climb to God.

2:16 Translation Question – Justified by: Faith ___ Christ or the Faithfulness ___ Christ

Romans 3 - Paul outlines Seven Concepts that lie behind the doctrine of Justification by Faith

One: The _____ of Sin – 3:9 Two: The _____ of Sin – 3:10-18

Three: The _____ of the Law – 3:20 Four: The _____ – 3:21

Five: The _____ of Christ – 3:25 Six: _____ in Christ – 3:24

Seven: Righteousness Given as a _____ – 3:23-24

Jesus taught this doctrine through his parable of the _____ in Luke 15

When he came home, he was received as a _____ and not a _____.

Why is the doctrine of justification by faith in Christ so important for believers to grasp?

What kind of Christianity do we end up with without this doctrine?

What would it mean for you to realize you cannot earn a place with God by your good behavior but instead to rely on Christ and receive righteousness as a gift rather than a reward?

Answers for the blanks:

- Guilty
- Condemnation
- Right-Standing
- Redeemed
- Law
- Conflict
- Jews and non-Jews or Gentiles
- Ladder
- Faith in Christ or the Faithfulness of Christ
- Universality
- Corruption
- Failure
- New Hope
- Propitiation – or atoning sacrifice
- Redemption
- Gift
- Prodigal Son
- Son not a Hired Hand
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