

Justification

Homework Assignment

1. Read **Romans 3:1-31**
2. Read **Romans 4:1-25**

Lesson Outline

I. Definition

- i. The Act of Declaring or Accounting a Person Just or Righteous
 1. Change of state
 2. New relationship to God's law
- ii. Condemn is opposite of justify
 1. **Proverbs 17:15**
 2. **Romans 8:33-34**

II. How is a Sinner Justified Before God?

- i. Not by his works
 1. **Romans 3:10, 19, 23**
 2. Law demands perfect obedience
 3. The Law condemns – **Romans 3:20**
 4. Man cannot make up for past sins by doing extra good
 - a. Man's minimum duty is to love God with all his strength
- ii. By the Grace of God and Offering of Jesus Christ
 1. **Romans 3:24**
 2. **Romans 5:9**
 3. **Romans 10:4**
 4. **I Corinthians 5:21**
 5. **Philippians 3:9**
 6. Consistent with God – **Romans 3:26**

III. Its Effect

- i. Imputed Righteousness
 1. Similar to our sins being imputed to Jesus
 - a. i.e. He didn't become a sinner and we didn't become righteous
 2. **Philemon 18**
 3. **Romans 4:6-8**

IV. When is a Sinner Justified Before God

i. When they believe on Jesus

1. Believe- not condemned – **John 3:18**
2. Believe- justified – **Acts 13:39**
3. Justified by faith – **Romans 5:1**
4. Believe unto righteousness – **Romans 10:10**
5. Saved through faith – **Ephesians 2:8**

ii. Faith is the Turning Point

1. Circumcision- a seal of already obtained righteousness through faith – **Romans 4:11**
2. It is the merging of all affections in Jesus Christ
3. Faith is the pipeline that carries all the blessings of Jesus Christ
4. No work in believing – **Romans 4:16**

V. Who Justifies?

i. God

1. **Romans 8:33**
2. He is the one offended

ii. No Priest or Minister can administer justification

1. Another reason why baptism or other deeds are not part of salvation (i.e. church membership or Lord's supper)