



The article of justification, which is our only protection, not only against all the powers and plottings of men but also against the gates of Hell, is this: by faith alone in Christ, without works, are we declared righteous and saved...The article of justification is the master and prince, the lord, the ruler, and the judge over all kinds of doctrines; it preserves and governs all church doctrine and raises

up our conscience before God. Without this article the world is utter death and darkness. ...This doctrine is the head and the cornerstone. It alone begets, nourishes, builds, preserves, and defends the church of God; and without it the church of God cannot exist for one hour...In short, if this article concerning Christ – the doctrine that we are justified and saved through Him alone and consider all apart from Him damned – is not professed, all resistance and restraint are at an end. Then there is, in fact, neither measure or limit to any heresy or error...Whoever departs from the article of justification does not know God and is an idolater

“How we are made Right with God”
Romans 1:17

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Reformation Series

HOW ARE WE MADE RIGHT WITH GOD? DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION

FAULTY DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION

Faith + _____ = Salvation

1.
 - a.
 - b.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

IMPLICATIONS

New _____	New _____

MARTIN LUTHER’S RESPONSE

“I was a good monk & I kept the rule of my order so strictly that I may say that if ever a monk got to heaven by his monkery it was I. All my brothers in the monastery who knew me will bear me out. If I had kept on any longer, I should have killed myself with vigils, prayers, reading, and other work.”

1. Luther knew
2. Luther knew
3. Luther knew
4. Luther saw God as



Next Week: Sola Scriptura
2 Timothy 3:16-17, Heb 4:12, Psalm 119, Acts 17:10-15

HOW COULD THEY BE SO WRONG?

52% of U.S. Protestant believe we need Faith Plus _____ & _____ to be saved!

Billy Graham "I have found that my beliefs are essentially the same as those of orthodox Roman Catholics"

Luther: "If the article of Justification is lost, all Christian Doctrine is lost at the same time...the article upon which the church stands or falls."

LUTHER'S GREAT RE-DISCOVERY

Romans 1:17

'For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

'Nevertheless, I beat [persistently] upon Paul at that place, most ardently desiring to know what St. Paul wanted. At last, by the mercy of God, meditating day and night, I gave heed to the context of the words, namely, "In it the righteousness of God is revealed, as it is written, 'He who through faith is righteous shall live.'" There I began to understand that the righteousness of God is that by which the righteous lives by a gift of God, namely by faith. And this is the meaning: the righteousness of God is revealed by the gospel, namely, the passive righteousness with which merciful God justifies us by faith, as it is written, "He who through faith is righteous shall live." Here I felt that I was altogether born again and had entered paradise itself through open gates.'

1. This Righteousness _____

'For in it the righteousness of God is revealed...'

- a. _____ Righteousness
- b. _____ Righteousness
- c. _____ Righteousness

2. This Righteousness _____

'...from faith for faith...'

Gen 15:6 Abraham believed God and it was accredited as righteousness
Phil 3:9-10 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith

3. This Righteousness _____

'...as it is written, "the righteousness...'

Imputation:



2 Corinthians 5:21

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

4. This Righteousness _____

'...shall live by faith.'

Simul Iustus et Peccator = _____

JUSTIFICATION

act of God's grace wherein He pardons all our sins & declares us as righteous in His sight because of the righteousness of Christ imputed to us & received by faith alone

Luther	Church
A legal/Forensic Act	A healing Act
Image of law court	image of a hospital
alien righteousness of Christ	inherent righteousness within us
Imputed	Infused
By faith alone	begun by faith completed by works
An assured future	an uncertain future