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JUSTIFICATION

Important Definition

Justification: An act of God in which he declares us to be _____ in his sight, so he thinks of our sins as _____ and the righteousness of Jesus as _____.

Justification in the Bible:

- **Romans 8.30:** And those whom he predestinated, he also called, and those whom he called he also _____ . . .
- **Romans 3.26:** [God is] the _____ of the one who has faith in Jesus.
- **Romans 4.5:** [God] _____ the ungodly, [and] his faith is counted as _____.
- **Galatians 2.16:** Yet we know that a person is _____ by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ.
- **Romans 3.23-24:** For all have sinned . . . and are _____ by his grace as a gift.

Justification Is God Declaring . . .

- We have _____ to pay for sin.
- We are righteous _____.

Christ's Righteousness Is Imputed to Us:

- When Adam sinned, his _____ was imputed to _____.
- When Christ died on the cross, our _____ was imputed to _____.
- When God justifies us, Christ's _____ is imputed to _____.

The Practical Implications of Justification:

- I could never do anything to _____.
- Yet there's _____ for me.
- God will never _____ for my sins that are forgiven in Christ.

Justification is more than a verdict of _____.

Justification is a declaration that I'm _____.

God stamps the file of my past sins with the words:

_____!

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STUDY QUESTIONS

These questions are meant to be done by yourself or together with a family member or friend, then discussed at your small group during the week.

1. Read Luke 7.35-50. What are the clues in this account that Simon did not believe he needed to be forgiven and declared righteous by God? How did Jesus challenge Simon's wrong thinking?
2. Review the Bible verses about justification on your handout. What are some things you learn about justification in these verses?
3. Look up the word imputation in the dictionary and write out a definition here.
To whom was Adam's sin imputed?
To whom was our sin imputed?
To whom is Christ's righteousness imputed?
4. Do you ever feel like you are still being punished for past sins. Write out Romans 8.1 below. How does this verse offset the fears of a follower of Jesus?

As a group, spend time in prayer asking Jesus to bless this series of studies and bring you to a deeper understanding and appreciation for your salvation in Jesus.