

# Bethel Bible Series

## Justification

### New Testament Week 11

Welcome & Announcements

Opening - What all do we have to do to be saved and receive eternal life?

Prayer Requests and Opening Prayer

### Review of Last Week - *Reversion*

*For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing,  
it is the gift of God - not because of works, lest any man should boast.*  
Ephesians 2:8-9

Three Barriers to the Gospel = 1 - Hermits, Gnostics, Stoic, Platonists

Barrier 1 - Philosophical Ideas = Man is in charge of his destiny

Barrier 2 - Human Pride = Uneasy with unearned gifts, don't want to be in debt

Barrier 3 - Experience = What does he want in return? Everything has a price.

#### *Reversion*

Problem - Pharisee disciples said Gentiles must be circumcised & obey Law

The Law taught that man could earn righteousness & participate in salvation

The Gospel says man is justified by faith apart from law

Paul explained that all who sin under the law will be judged by the law

Adding Law to Gospel says that what God did through Jesus wasn't enough

*Figures Walking Away From Light* = Reversion movement to Jewish elements

*Figures Stopped and Pointed Back to Light* = Church leaders stop reversion

*Three Scrolls* = Epistles to Galatians, Hebrews & Romans speak to reversion

Galatians - Written by Paul to the churches in the region of Galatia

Paul visited Galatia on every missionary journey, Letter was before 3rd

Paul was obviously very upset that someone was leading them astray

*Scroll Over Dead Tree* = Dependence on Law for salvation leads only to death

Paul stated his credentials to prove that his Gospel was from God and not men

He gave strong arguments against justification through the Law

Hebrews - Author unknown, Readers not specifically identified

*Scroll Over Man in Pit* = Christ is superior to all things in the old era

*Man in Pit* = Christ is superior to the Patriarchs and Prophets

*Green Robe* = Christ's priesthood is superior to Levitical priesthood

*Scroll* = Christ is superior to the law and traditions

*Stone Block* = Christ is greater than the temple

*Lamb* = Christ represents a better sacrifice

Romans - Written by Paul to saints in Rome, At end of 3rd journey

*Scroll Over Second Man in Pit* = The believer is justified by faith

*Scrolls in Arm* = Law and traditions cannot and will not save

*Grain Sheaf in Arm* = Good works will not justify in God's eyes

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### Lesson - Justification

#### Words on the Street

Have you heard anyone say any of these? Do you agree? Why or why not?

*We are all going to the same place.*

Matthew 13:47-50 = Like fish, angels will separate wicked from righteous

*It makes no difference what a person believes as long as he is sincere.*

John 3:16-18 = ... Whoever does not believe [in Him] stands condemned ...

Acts 4:12 = Salvation is found in no one else ... no other name

Luke 11:23 = He who is not with me is against me ...

John 12:48 = the one who rejects me will be condemned on the last day

*Now there's someone who deserves to go to heaven.*

Romans 10:1-4 = Israelites are zealous for God; without God's righteousness

#### Homework Question Review

1. What do you think is meant by Romans 3:10?
2. Does the Bible teach that a person must be righteous as God is righteous if he or she is to inherit eternal life?
3. Is it possible to attain a righteousness like God's without God intervening on our behalf?
4. Is it possible to live a good and commendable life and yet not possess the kind of righteousness which saves?
5. Do you feel that a man or woman will feel any necessity to be justified in God's eyes if he or she fails to understand that God demands perfect righteousness for entry into His eternal presence?
6. Will any take the concept of justification seriously if they do not take the authority of the Scriptures seriously?

#### Definitions

*Salvation* = Being saved from deserved eternal damnation, given eternal life

*Righteousness* = Perfect conformance to God's standards, right with God

*Justification* = God's judicial act in counting the faithful righteous

*Sanctification* = To be made holy, set free from burden of sin to do God's work

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*Figure Facing Heaven's Light* = Christian sees Bible as authority on life & faith

Romans 10:17 = Faith comes from hearing the word of Christ

2 Timothy 3:14-17 = Scriptures make you wise for salvation through faith

*Figures Standing on Barren Earth* = God won't accept sinful into His kingdom

Romans 3:23 = *All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*

Psalms 143:2 = *no one living is righteous before you*

*Golden City* = God acted through Christ to justify sinners in His eyes

Colossians 1:22 = He has reconciled you to present you holy in His sight

Colossians 2:13-14 = He forgave our sins and canceled the written code

1 Peter 2:24 = He bore our sins on the tree so we live for righteousness

Romans 3:21-22 = Righteousness from God comes through faith to all believers

Romans 4:3-5 = The man who trusts God, his faith will be credited as righteous

### Outline of Paul's Letter to the Romans

Introduction	1:1-17
Man's Universal Need For Righteousness	1:18-3:20
God's Gift of Righteousness (Justification)	3:21-5:21
Righteous Living is Now Possible Through	6:1-8:39
Union With Christ	6:1-14
Slavery to Righteousness	6:15-23
Freedom from the Law	7:1-25
The Spirit Within	8:1-17
Our Future Glory	8:18-39
Righteousness in Israel's History	9:1-11:36
Righteousness in the New Community	12:1-15:13
Concluding Notes	15:14-16:27

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### The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

Matthew 22:1-7

Who is the king? Who is the son? Who is the bride? = God, Jesus, Church

Who are the invited guests? = Israel

What is meant by "oxen & fattened cattle have been butchered"? = *fullness of time*

Who are the servants? How were they mistreated? = Prophets, rejected & killed

What is referenced by verse 7? = Israel exiled & Jerusalem destroyed

Matthew 22:8-10

Who are these servants? = The new Israel, Christians to take invitation of gospel

Who are the people they went to find? = Gentiles, whoever accepted invitation

Matthew 22:11-14

What are the wedding clothes? = God's righteousness

Where do the clothes come from? = From God through grace (justification)

Why is the king upset that the man isn't wearing wedding clothes? = Rejected grace

### Distracting Bubbles

*Figures Reaching for Bubbles* = Seeking justification thru means that can't justify

Bubbles will continue to rise out of the earth to distract man

*Mortarboard and Book* = Not justified by Human Wisdom

Job 9:2 = How can a man be just before God?

1 Corinthians 1:18-25 = foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom

1 Corinthians 2:6-7, 13-15 = Speak in words of the Spirit, not of human wisdom

*Law Tablets and Scales* = Not justified by Works of the Law or Morality

Romans 3:20, 28 = No one will be righteous by observing the law

Galatians 2:15-16, 21 = Jews know man isn't justified by observing the law

Galatians 5:4 = You trying to be justified by law have fallen from grace

*Ivory Tower* = Not justified by Idealism and Noble Intentions

Romans 7:15-23 = I have the desire to do good, but I cannot do it (18)

*Microscope and Vials* = Not justified by Self-Efforts

1 Corinthians 3:11 = Can't lay any foundation other than Jesus Christ

*Bubbles Reflect Heaven's Light* = Bubble things are good, but do not justify

*Pathway From Mountaintop* = We're justified by what God did for us thru Christ

*Figure in White Robe Extends Arms Heavenward* = Justification is through faith

### Closing Prayer

Distribute Materials = Hand out Study 11 and Assignment 12

Next Week - *Faith*