

# Bethel Bible Series

## Justification

### NT Study 11

*We judge others by their actions. We judge ourselves by our intentions.* - PK

Welcome

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

- Barrier 1 - Philosophical Ideas
- Barrier 2 - Human Pride
- Barrier 3 - Experience

*Reversion*

Problem - Pharisee disciples said Gentiles must be circumcised and obey Law  
Reversionists said that man could earn righteousness and 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*

*Figures Stopped and Pointed Back to Light*

*Three Scrolls*

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

Paul visited Galatia on every missionary journey, Letter was before Third Journey  
Paul was obviously very upset that someone was leading them astray

*Scroll Over Dead Tree*

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*

*Man in Pit*

*Green Robe*

*Scroll*

*Stone Block*

*Lamb*

Romans - Written by Paul to saints in Rome, At end of Third Journey

*Scroll Over Second Man in Pit*

*Scrolls in Arm*

*Grain Sheaf in Arm*

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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?

*The Bible and the story of Jesus is interesting, but it's irrelevant.* (secularism)  
1 Timothy 4:8

*There's no right or wrong. It's whatever works for you.* (relativism)  
Proverbs 14:12  
Romans 1:28-32

*We are all going to the same place.* (religious pluralism)  
Matthew 13:47-50

*It makes no difference what a person believes as long as he is sincere.*  
John 3:16-18  
Acts 4:12  
John 12:48

*Now there's someone who deserves to go to heaven.* (humanism)  
Isaiah 64:6

#### Homework Question Review

1. What do you think is meant by Romans 3:10?
2. Must a person be righteous as God if he or she is to inherit eternal life?  
Matthew 5:48  
Job 9:2
3. Can we attain a God-like righteousness without God intervening on our behalf?  
Romans 3:20-24
4. Is it possible to live a good life and yet not possess saving righteousness?  
Romans 10:1-4
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?  
Romans 7:7
6. Will any take justification seriously if they do not take the authority of the Scriptures seriously?  
Matthew 22:29

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### Self-Justification

*Just*  
*Justify*  
*Justice*

How do we react when we feel we have been treated unjustly or unfairly?  
How does this change when we realize the other person may be right?

#### *Self-Justification*

Give some examples of self-justification at others' expense

Two 4-year olds pushing each other  
Teenager taking mother's money  
Speeding  
Setting bag on seat so no one will sit there  
Keeping extra change given in error

How does self-justification impact our relationship with others?  
How does self-justification impact our relationship with God?

#### *Self-Deception*

### Definitions

*Salvation*  
*Righteousness*  
*Justification*  
*Sanctification*

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#### *Figure Facing Heaven's Light*

Romans 10:17  
2 Timothy 3:14-17

#### *Figures Standing on Barren Earth*

Romans 3:23  
Psalm 143:2

#### *Golden City*

Colossians 1:22  
1 Peter 2:24  
Romans 4:3-5

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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?  
Who are the invited guests?  
What is meant by "oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered"?  
Who are the servants? How were they mistreated?  
What is referenced by verse 7?

Matthew 22:8-10

Who are these servants?  
Who are the people they went to find?  
What is the point of "both good and bad"?

Matthew 22:11-14

What are the wedding clothes?  
Where do the clothes come from?  
Why is the king upset that the man isn't wearing wedding clothes?

### Distracting Bubbles

*Figures Reaching for Bubbles*

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

*Mortarboard and Book*

1 Corinthians 1:18-25  
1 Corinthians 2:6-7, 13-14

*Law Tablets and Scales*

Romans 3:20, 28  
Galatians 2:15-16, 21  
Galatians 5:4

*Ivory Tower*

Romans 7:15-23

*Microscope and Vials*

1 Corinthians 3:11

*Bubbles Reflect Heaven's Light*

*Pathway From Mountaintop*

*Figure in White Robe Extends Arms Heavenward*

### Closing Prayer

### Distribute Materials

### Next Week - Faith