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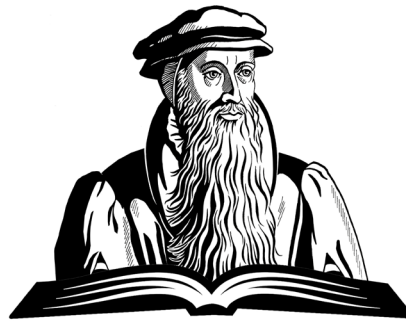
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ADULT STUDY GUIDE

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Justification

Memorization

Question 33: *What is justification?*

Answer: *Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardoneth all our sins, and accepteth us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.*

Lecture Structure

1. Introduction.
2. The parts of justification.
3. The basis of justification.
4. The act of justification.
5. Applications.

Literal Study

1. Define these terms as they are used in this lecture:

a) Justify _____

b) Pardon _____

c) Righteous _____

d) Imputed _____

2. Paraphrase the answer to Question #33, or put it into your own words.

Lecture Checkup

1. What are the two main parts of justification? How are they related to one another?

2. What is the significance of the phrase, “pardoneth all our sins”?

3. In justification, is the sinner brought to a neutral state before God? What state is he given before God? How does Paul explain this?

4. What is the basis for God to be able to say that this sinner is now declared righteous?

5. Why was the Lord Jesus Christ condemned to die? What does this have to do with believers?

6. When God looks at the believer, does he see their good works? What does God see?

7. What does it mean that “justification is an act”? Does the Bible say that we grow in our justification?

8. What does it mean that a sinner is justified freely by God's grace?

9. What is that one way that God's grace is displayed in justification? What is the function of faith?

10. What are the "Five Solas" of the Reformation? Please define each one.

Further Studies

1. Is the sinner justified by faith only, or is he justified by works in part?

2. How then does it say in James 2:24, "Ye see, then, how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only"?

3. How do you prove that we are not justified by works?

4. How do you prove that we are justified by faith only?

5. How does faith justify?

6. May we be justified by faith in Christ's righteousness outside of us, although we have no righteousness within us?

Practical Application

1. Read and meditate on Romans chapter 4, by considering what faith is, and what faith is not.

2. If you have already received Christ Jesus as your Savior by faith, when Satan attacks you or accuses you, or when your conscience convicts you of sin, what should you do?

Project Ideas

What is the relationship between faith and works? Is it important to understand this relationship to understand the biblical truth? Why? What are some typical unbiblical opinions about this doctrine?
