

## “JUSTIFICATION”

### Lesson 23

1. Before the LAW God left the sins committed go UNPUNISHED. Romans 3:25-26
2. The law made man CONSCIOUS of sin, and holds the whole world ACCOUNTABLE TO GOD for their sins. Romans 3:19-20
3. Righteousness did not come from observing the law, but from the GRACE OF GOD through FAITH IN CHRIST. Romans 3:24 & Ephesians 2:8
4. JUSTIFICATION ORIGINATES in the grace of God, but to justify does not mean to MAKE RIGHTEOUS. Romans 3:24
5. Justification is THE ACT OF GOD whereby the guilty sinner is DECLARED RIGHTEOUS through faith in Christ. Romans 8:1, 31-33; 5:9
6. God declares that a believer is RIGHTEOUS IN CHRIST and not a PARDONED CRIMINAL. Acts 13:37-39; Romans 4:25
7. God justified us by his GRACE because of his OWN LOVE for us. Titus 3:4-7; Romans 5:8
8. The believer is justified by: Romans 5:9-10
  - a. JESUS' BLOOD Hebrews 9:22
  - b. JESUS' RESURRECTION 1 Peter 1:3
9. The just SHALL LIVE by FAITH. Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11; Habakkuk 2:4; Hebrews 11:1
10. In the OLD TESTAMENT our FOREFATHER ABRAHAM lived by faith. Genesis 15:6; Romans 4:3
11. The believer is JUSTIFIED by faith not the LAW OR WORKS. Romans 3:28
12. Works make faith COMPLETE. James 2:14-26
13. Righteousness was credited to Abraham because he believed God and this before:
  - a. THE COVENANT OF CIRCUMCISION (religious ceremony)
  - b. HE OFFERED ISAAC AS A SACRIFICE (works)
  - c. BEFORE THE LAW OF MOSES (law)
14. Righteousness was not for only ABRAHAM , but for all that BELIEVE in Christ. Romans 4:20-24
15. Perfect faith works by LOVE. Galatians 5:6; Romans 13:8

## **Conclusion**

Before God we are justified by faith because God sees our hearts. Before man our works give evidence of our faith so that before man we are justified in our faith.

In justification the sinner stands before God as the accused and is declared free. (Romans 8:33) The sinner is forgiven. In forgiveness he stands before God, not as a pardoned sinner, but a justified saint in Christ as though he never sinned at all.