

November 17 Discussion Questions - Justification

Romans 3:19-28

Review

A Two Question Quiz:

1. **Confidence** - If you died today, do you think you would go to heaven?
2. **Clarity** - If you stood before God and He asked you, 'Why should I let you into my heaven?' what would you say?

How does anyone get into heaven?

<u>100</u> % Jesus	<u>0</u> % Me
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Salvation is entirely God's **Work** so that God gets all the **Credit** (v. 27)

1. We can **see** the Perfection of God **in** Jesus (v. 21-22)
2. We can **receive** the Perfection of God **from** Jesus (v. 23-24)

Justified = **Declared** righteous by God (4:3)

By Faith ALONE (v. 25- 28)

"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have **peace** with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 5:1

● **Clarity** about the gospel produces **confidence** about salvation

"Finally he was relieved by the text, 'The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.' He says, 'I saw, moreover, that it was not my good frame of heart that made my righteousness better, nor my bad frame that made my righteousness worse, for my righteousness was Jesus Christ Himself, "the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever." John Bunyan, author of *The Pilgrim's Progress*

Connect

1. It's time to border on being boastful! → What about your "high school self" brought you confidence? How did that turn out for you? =)
2. How is it that self-confidence and the gospel do not mix?

Read Romans 3:19-28

Discuss

3. Pastor Darin talked on Sunday about our clarity about the gospel and confidence in our salvation. How do these two relate?
4. In what way is “the righteousness of God now being revealed apart from the law?” (see v.21)
5. How would you define “justification?” How does it affect God’s view of us?
6. What does it mean to put our faith in Christ alone? What else can we put our faith in?

Apply

7. How does our state of justification before God affect our fear of death?
8. Share with the group a little of your story when you were justified. How did you know for certain? How did you feel?
9. What are some other ways you have tried to find assurance of salvation? What makes you certain of your salvation today?
10. What things can you do to increase your confidence in your assurance of salvation?

Pray

11. Pray that God will give each group member confidence and peace in Christ alone this week.