



Build on the Rock

Doctrinal Lesson
Series 2023

Lesson 4:

"Justification by Faith"



There is GOOD NEWS to a world that is under the curse of SIN and DEATH! That GOOD NEWS is JESUS CHRIST who gives us the hope of eternal life! The first step to prepare for heaven and to be made righteous is a process called "Justification." Justification is the act of sinful man being made just or righteous in God's sight. Do you feel GUILTY and HOPELESS because of your sins? A guilty conscience can lead to depression, sadness, drug addiction and even suicide! Complete this lesson with the King James version and learn about how your sins can be forgiven and you be made just in God's sight!

1) What common problem does every human being have? What natural tendencies do we have? -Psalms 51:5, Romans 3:23.

1 - We were conceived in "s__n" and "shapen in in__qu__ty."

2 - We "all have s__ned and c__me sho__t of the gl__ry of G__d."

*Note: Every human being, regardless of social class, race, or culture, has the common problem of SIN! Some sinful tendencies you may have picked up from your parent genetically, while others you may have cultivated by association and influence of other people. Though, not all struggle with the same sins, we all have a sin problem that we struggle with.



We are sinners needing God's grace!

2) What does the Bible say the penalty of sin is? What does that tell us of the severity of sin? -Romans 6:23, James 1:15

A) Sin requires Hail Marys and works of penance.

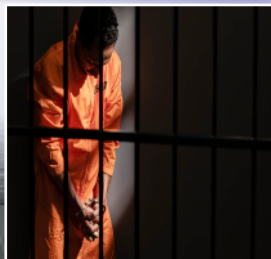
B) Sin requires death because it is a high offence against God.

C) Sin has no penalty because we are born into sin.

3) Seeing that we are all under the death penalty, what hope do we have as sinners? -John 3:16, Romans 3:24.

1 - If we believe in the "S__n" we can have "everl__sting l__fe."

2 - We can be "just__fied fre__ly by H__s gr__ce."





Sinful man can be made JUST!

***Note:** Even though we have sinned against God and are under the curse of sin, we can be **JUSTIFIED! To Justify means to be made just, innocent or righteous.** The Bible says that we are made just through Christ's grace. We must receive God's grace by believing in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

4) In Old Testament times, what did God's people have to do when they sinned? What did this represent? -Leviticus 5:7, John 1:29.

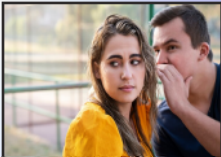
- 1 - Offer a "la__b" as a "s__n offer__ng".
- 2 - Jesus Christ was the "La__b of G__d which taketh aw__y the s__ns of the wo__ld."



The Lamb Sacrifice under the Old Covenant

***Note:** In order to help the people of Israel understand the cost of sin, God instituted the sanctuary system, which included the sacrificing of lambs and other animals. The penalty of sin has been death from the very beginning. The slaying of lambs pointed forward to Jesus, the "Lamb of God", who would die for the sins of the whole world.

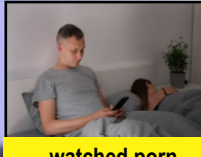
***Note: If you had to kill a lamb every time you.....**



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...smoked,....

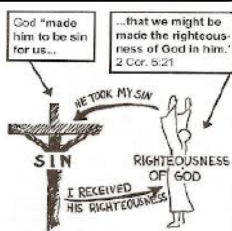


...watched porn-
ography,....



...and told a lie,....

...you probably would sin much less frequently, but how much more should we resist sin when Jesus, the True Lamb, has been slain on the cross for our sins!



5) What did Jesus become for us? What can we receive as a result and what can we "declare"? -2 Corinthians 5:21, Romans 3:25, 26.

- 1 - Jesus became "s__n for u__" that we might be made "righ__ous."
- 2 - Through faith we can "declare H__s r__ght__ousness for the remis__ion of s__ns".

***Explanation:** Jesus became sin for us when He died on the cross. The only righteous one died so the unrighteous can live. He also was our "Propitiation", which means atoning sacrifice or substitute for the death penalty. By Jesus

....becoming sin for us, we can be made righteous in Him. We can claim and declare the righteousness of Jesus!

6) Along with believing in Jesus' atoning sacrifice, what must we do if we want to be justified in God's sight? -1 John 1:9

1 - We "c_nf_ss our s_ns" to Jesus to be justified from sin.

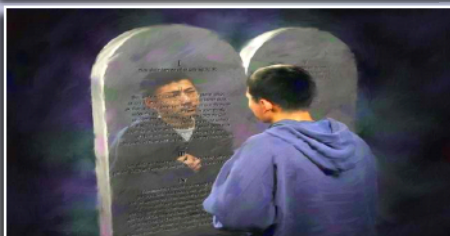
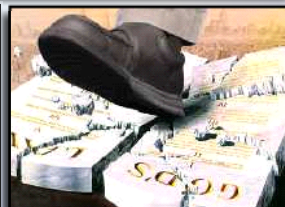
7) How can we know what to confess?

What is the definition of sin? -Romans

3:20, 1 John 3:4.

1 - The "l_w" gives us the "kn_wled_e of s_n."

2 - "S_n is the trans_ress_on of the la_."



*Note: The law of God is like a spiritual mirror as it shows us our defects of character. Sin is breaking God's law and we CANNOT know what to confess to God without a knowledge of His holy law.

8) How does God count the faith of those who believe in Jesus and confess their sins? -Romans 4:5

1 - When we have faith in Jesus, we are "co_nted for righ_eousn_ss."

*Note: The Bible says that when we believe in Jesus, our faith is counted for righteousness. Our works CANNOT make us righteous in any way, nor make up for any past sins.

9) When Jesus imputes His righteousness upon those who believe, what happens to their sins? -Romans 4:6, 7

A) Their sins are written in the book of life.

B) Their sins are placed on Satan.

C) Their sins are forgiven and covered.

*Note: God "imputes", or counts us righteous when we have faith in Jesus and confess our sins. Our sins are covered and iniquities are forgiven! This is all included in the gift of salvation!

10) How soon can one be justified from their sins and be free from guilt and condemnation? -1 Corinthians 6:9-11

A) You are justified while you are committing sin.

B) You were justified when Jesus died on the cross.

C) You are justified when you confess and turn from your sins.

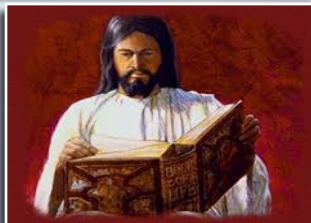


11) What does the Bible say happens to our sins in the heavenly record when we confess our sins to the Father, through Jesus Christ? Where does the Bible say our names are written in at this point? -Acts 3:19, Revelation 3:5

1 - Our sins are “bl__tt__d o__t.”

2 - Our names are written in the “B__k of L__f__.”

***Note:** The Bible speaks of 3 heavenly books: The Book of Life, the Book of Remembrance and the Book that has our sins recorded in it. Through faith in Jesus death on the cross and by confessing our sins, we can have our sins blotted out of that third book and our names placed in the Book of Life!



12) After we've confessed our sins to God and our sins have been blotted out, what will Satan seek to do? -Revelation 12:10, Jude 9

1 - Satan will seek to “acc__se us before God d__y and n__ght just as he accused Mo__es, but Mich__el the Arch__gel rebu__ed the Devil.

***Note:** The Bible says that Satan accuses God's people day and night. He accused Moses after he sinned at the waters of Meribah, but Michael rebuked the Devil because Moses' sin was forgiven and he was justified by Christ's righteousness. The Devil is the accuser of the saints and will accuse you before God of every sin you've ever committed. When we feel overwhelmed with guilt and discouragement after we have confessed our sins, we must rebuke the Devil and claim the righteousness and blood of Jesus over our souls!



13) How does the Bible describe God's saints who are justified by the righteousness of Christ? -Revelation 19:7, 8

1 - The saints are cloth in “fine lin__n, which is the rig__eousness of saints.”

***Note:** Notice that this scripture says that the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. We of ourselves have NO righteousness, but since it was given to us by Jesus, it becomes our righteousness!

Appeal) Do you want to be justified and have the righteousness of Jesus so that you can live with Him in a SIN FREE heaven? ____.

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