



WHAT CAN WASH AWAY MY SIN? #557

1. Justification is a technical, theological term. What comes to your mind when you hear this word?

Romans 5:1-2, p. 1198

2. Who is the person who has taken action in the statement, “since we have been justified by faith”? Why is that important?
3. Samuel Brownridge was convicted of murder in New York in 1994 when he was 18 years old. 25 years later his conviction was overturned and he was a free man. What are the similarities and differences between a case like that and what Paul is talking about when he says “we have been justified” (Romans 5:1)?

4. In Romans 5:1 Paul states that we have been justified. How does what he said in Romans 3:24 help us understand how that happens?
5. Justification is sometimes spoken of as having both a negative side and a positive side. How does 2 Corinthians 5:21 show those two sides of justification?
6. The Greek word translated ‘justified’ in 5:1 is from the same root as the word ‘righteousness’ in 3:21 and 22, in the phrase “the righteousness of God”. How would you describe that phrase “the righteousness of God”? What feelings and images go with it?
7. A classic approach to evangelism uses the following statement: Imagine you died tonight and God said to you, “Why should I let you into my heaven?” What would you say?” Are any of the following statements a Biblical answer?
“Because I have tried my best to be a good Christian.”
“Because I believe in God and try to do his will.”
“Because I believe in God with all my heart.”
8. Romans 5 begins to show the benefits of justification. What is the first benefit listed in 5:1? How is this benefit particularly possible because of justification?
9. What is the second benefit of justification mentioned in Romans 5:2? What does this word picture that is ours in Christ?

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