

The Position of Justification

Romans 3:21-31

- I. What is the seriousness of this righteousness?
 - A. Without it ,we are not of _____ (1 John 3:10)
 - B. Without it, we cannot enter into _____ (Matt. 5:20)
- II. What is the source of this righteousness?
 - A. It is not in _____ (Isa. 64:6; Rom. 4:3-5; Titus 3:5-7).
 - B. It is not in _____ (Rom. 2:20, 28; Gal. 2:16, 20-21).
 - C. It is through _____ (Rom. 10:3-4; 9-10; Gal. 3:24)
- III. What is the security of this righteousness?
 - A. The _____ of God makes it possible (Rom. 3:24; 5:17-21; Tit. 3:7)
 - B. The ground upon which it rests is the _____ (Rom. 3:24)
 - C. The _____ of the resurrection is based on it.
- IV. What is the standing we have in this righteousness?
 - A. Our _____ “in Christ” (1 Cor. 1:30; 2 Cor. 5:21; Phil. 3:9).
 - B. Our _____ “in Christ” (Rom. 5:1-2, 9)
 1. We have peace with God
 2. We have access into this grace.
 3. We are saved from wrath.
 - C. Our _____ in heaven is at stake.

Review

1. Upon what is the believer’s righteousness based, according to Romans 3:21-31?
2. Explain the difference between being “made” righteous and being “declared” righteous.
3. What does Isaiah 64:6 reveal about our own inherent righteousness?
4. How does God declare us righteous, according to Galatians 3:24 and Romans 10:3-4, 9-10?
5. What makes justification possible (Rom. 3:24; 5:17-21; Titus 3:7)? Upon what does it rest (Rom. 3:24; 5:9)?

Further Consideration

1. Did you at any time in your life believe that you could somehow earn God’s favor or make yourself righteous? What convinced you otherwise?
2. What is your position now (1 Cor. 1:30; 2 Cor. 5:21; Phil. 3:9)?
3. Describe some of the benefits of justification according to Rom 5:1-2, 9?
4. O what else are we assured because of our justification (Rev. 19:7-8)?

Going Further

Using the analogy of a court of law, can you describe a scenario that would illustrate “justification” for a person who is having a hard time understanding it?