

A Life of Faith

1. The meaning of justification by faith

- 1). The judicial act of God by which He declares the believing sinner righteous and therefore free from condemnation. This is a permanent legal transaction.
- 2). The opposite of condemnation Romans 8:1
- 3). By faith alone Romans 4:3
- 4). Not by observance of the Law Romans 3:20
- 5). Not based on observance of any religious rite
Romans 4:3-8
- 6). Based on that satisfaction rendered fully to the divine moral law by God's own Son when He died for our sins in our place on the cross Romans 3:20-26
- 7). Our sin placed on Christ and His righteousness given to believer 2 Cor. 5:21

2. The experience of justification by faith Gal. 3:1-5

- 1). They acted foolishly in relation to the crucifixion vs. 1

2). They acted foolishly in relation to their regeneration
vs. 2

3). They acted foolishly in relation to their sanctification
vss. 3-5

Questions for consideration

1. Define the doctrine of justification by faith in your own words.
2. Why do you think that there is such an attack on this doctrine?
3. Give some examples of what people might say that show that they do not understand what justification by faith means?
4. How might you use this discussion to share the message of faith in Jesus Christ? Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 3:20; John 3:16