

Galatians:
Justified by Faith

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The True Gospel	<i>is that we are</i>
Justified by Faith	<i>and</i>
Adopted as Sons.	<i>We are</i>
Free to Serve One Another	<i>and instructed to</i>
Walk in the Spirit	<i>as a new creation!</i>

John Piper - "the centerpiece of Christianity"

Gal 2:16 "yet we **know** that no one is justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ and we have believed in Christ Jesus so that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law because by the works of the law no human being will be justified.

"Court room"

Justice, Mercy & Grace

Forgiveness & Justification

Justified = "declared righteous"

"Coat room"

Isaiah 61:10 "He has clothed me with the garments of salvation and wrapped me in a robe of righteousness,..."

Double Imputation.

2 Cor 5:21

Justified = "never sinned"

WHAT ABOUT YOU? Do you sometimes find yourself "declaring truth" but not being persuasive? How can you improve your communication?

WHAT ABOUT YOU? Are you being hypnotized and bewitched to think that you have to somehow earn God's favor? Can you recognize the work of God's Spirit in your life?

WHAT ABOUT YOU? Do you recognize that you are a "lawbreaker" and unable to fulfill the demands of the law in your own strength?

Paul's Declaration:

No one is justified by works of the law but by faith in Jesus (2:16)

Paul's Defense:

Faith is what has brought the Galatians this far. (2:2-5)

Faith is why Abraham was credited as righteous. (3:6)

God promised: those who have faith are blessed with Abraham. (3:9)

No one can keep the whole law; all are cursed as lawbreakers. (3:10)

The righteous will live by faith. (3:11)

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law (3:13)

Paul's Conclusion:

We receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. (3:14)

WHAT ABOUT YOU? Have you received the promise of the Spirit through faith? Have you been justified, declared righteous... are you seen by God as having never sinned?

Dr. John Gerstner:

Faith -> Justification + Works _____

Faith + Works -> Justification _____

Faith -> Justification - Works _____