

Reformation: *Sola Fide*
Galatians 2:15-21

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What is Justification?

Justification – how someone is made right or just before God

Roman Catholic View of Justification

Infused Righteousness = Jesus’ life and death + my doing the 7 sacraments

Conflation of justification and sanctification

Made righteous, justified, by cooperating with God’s grace through their own works

Reformers View of Justification

Imputed Righteousness = Jesus’ life and death + nothing else (Romans 3:28)

This is righteousness, justification, which is solely the work and merit of Christ

Made righteous, justified, through faith alone (Romans 3:23-25a)

Is Faith Alone Sufficient for Salvation?

Understanding Justification by Faith Alone

Jews had moral advantage over Gentiles, but it did nothing to justify them (vs. 15a)

No one is justified by works of the Law because the Law can only accuse, expose, and reveal – the Law cannot fix!

Why We Need to Be Justified By Faith Alone

Jesus is not a sin detector but a Savior from sin (vs. 17) (2 co. 3)

Jesus does not bring a new Law – He is the fulfillment of the Law! (vs. 18)

We are made alive to God not through our action but God’s action alone (vs. 19)

What It Means to Be Justified By Faith Alone

Dying in Christ, ALL my sin is crucified in Christ (vs. 20a)

Christian life is lived in confident faith of Jesus and His work on the cross (vs. 20b)

I nullify the grace of God when I say the cross is not enough! (vs. 21)

Applications:

Sola Fide guards against self-righteousness

Sola Fide assures we possess eternal life now

Sola Fide comforts us that in Christ we can never be condemned – Jesus has taken it

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Sola Fide _____ against _____

Sola Fide _____ we possess _____

Sola Fide _____ us that in Christ we can _____ – Jesus has taken it