

The Law And Justification

Galatians 2:15-16

Intro:

- A. The truth presented. **Luke 18:9-14**
 - 1. The Pharisee, positive & negative righteousness.
 - 2. The Publican, imputed righteousness.
 - 3. Justification is by faith.
- B. This knowledge was available to the Jews.
 - 1. **Vs. 15**
 - 2. "Nature" = φύσις = "by birth"
 - 3. "Sinners" = ἁμαρτωλός = "erring from divine law".

I. The Way Of Justification.

- A. **Vs. 15 "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law..."**
 - 1. "Knowing" = οἶδα = "to have knowledge because of an exposure to the truth".
 - 2. "Justified" = δικαιώω = "to set forth as righteous", "to justify a judicial act". To free a man by a judicial act of his guilt and to represent him as righteous.
 - 3. "Works" = ἔργον = "that which is accomplished or brought into being by labor".
- B. **"...but by the faith of Jesus Christ."**
 - 1. "Faith" = πίστις = "firm persuasion" But here faithfulness also, that is worthy of confidence.
 - 2. The faithfulness of Christ to God and to man is the basis of our right standing.
- C. **"...even we have believed in Jesus Christ..."**
 - 1. "Believed" = πιστεύω = "to rely upon".
 - 2. Paul is still talking to Peter. Even you and I are relying upon Christ Jesus and not the law for our justification."
- D. **"...that we might be justified by the faith of Christ."**
 - 1. "Justified" = (See A 2)
 - 2. The faithfulness of Christ.
- E. **"...and not by the works of the law..."**
 - 1. "Works" = (See A 3) "product of energy"
 - 2. "not by the observance of the law"

G. "...for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified..."

1. "Works" = εργον = (See A 3)

2. "For by doing what the law commands no person shall be justified" - Mof

II. Justification And Imputation. **Romans 8:1-8**

A. Justification.

1. It relates to sin and sinner. It draws its concept from the Law. By law men are sinners.

2. We are justified in God's eyes by faith and by divine declaration. We are not changed morally. Therefore, what is the basis of justification?

B. Imputation.

1. **Vs. 6** "Impute" = λογίζομαι = "to reckon to a persons account either good or bad."

2. **Vs. 6-7** God imputes righteousness at salvation.

3. **Vs. 8** Afterward He will not impute sin.