

The Biblical Doctrine of Justification

“How Can I Be Right With God?”

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Session 1

Justification and the Gospel

1. The doctrine of justification and the gospel are closely tied together. This doctrine functions to safeguard the gospel, as Paul shows in his letter to the Galatians. (Cf. Galatians 2.16)
2. “...a true view of justification is the dividing line between the biblical gospel of salvation by faith alone and all false gospels of salvation based on works.” - Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, p. 722?
3. By ‘gospel’, I am referring to the good news that God has sent His one and only Son, who after living a perfectly righteous life, died on the cross for our sins. His death was substitutionary and sacrificial, he was buried and on the third day following he was raised from the dead. (1 Corinthians 15.3-4)
4. To this point I have been referring to justification in a general way. We are going to see that more precise language is necessary because of the way this doctrine has been misunderstood. The Bible teaches that justification is *by grace alone, through faith alone in Christ alone.*