

The Biblical Doctrine of Justification

“How Can I Be Right With God?”

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Course 2

Goal of the Course

Proverbs 25.2 “It is the glory of God to conceal things, but it is the glory of kings to search things out. ”

The proper subject of theological study is God Himself. But how can we finite creatures presume to study the infinite One who dwells in light unapproachable? We presume to do so because God has taken the initiative to reveal Himself in Holy Scripture. To learn of Him and His ways with His creation is the highest and most fulfilling study we can ever undertake.

The particular doctrine that I have chosen to begin my contribution to Covenant Life College is the doctrine of justification. It has great relevance for us because it deals with our relationship to God, the Almighty Judge, at the point most basic to us: how might I, sinful human being that I am, be right with the Holy God of the universe? How might I stand before Him without guilt? Without condemnation?

The doctrine of justification answers the most important question you or I will ever face:

How can I be right with God?

“ The best preparation for the study of this doctrine is – neither great intellectual ability, nor much scholastic learning – but a conscience impressed with a sense of our actual condition as sinners in the sight of God. ” - James Buchanan, *The Doctrine of Justification*, p. 222.