

The Biblical Doctrine of Justification

“How Can I Be Right With God?”

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The Doctrine Located and Defined

1. The doctrine of salvation broadly covers all that God has done for us in Jesus Christ. Theologians have sought to show this in what is called the order of salvation (*ordo salutis*). It generally looks like this:
 - Election
 - Calling
 - Regeneration
 - Conversion (repentance and faith)
 - Justification (and adoption)
 - Sanctification
 - Glorification
2. The doctrine of justification is properly part of the saving work that God brings to us in Christ.

“ [Justification is] an act of God’s free grace, by which he pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in his sight, only because of the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.” - Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question 33