

Living Word Church
Sunday, September 24, 2023

Justified: A Study of Galatians
Let's read Galatians 1:3-9

3 Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ,

4 who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,

5 to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

6 I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel,

7 which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ.

8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.

9 As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

Intro: Justification: to set forth as righteous; to declare that a person is in right relation with God.

Question 1: Look up the word Justification and discuss what that means from a Biblical viewpoint.

- I. The Gospel of Jesus Christ cannot be compromised.
 - A gospel of works does not work.
 - A prosperity gospel devalues the cross.
 - The gospel is the life, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.
 - Works do not precede but follow justification in Christ.

Question #2: How has the world deluded or changed the gospel?

II. The Gospel provides Grace to our Past Conduct.

- The past is what we did, but it is not who we are in Christ.
- The enemy wants to tell you that you are disqualified but the cross of Christ justifies you.
- The past is nailed to the cross and is forgotten by God.

Question #3: Pastor Brad asked the congregation to put things on the cross that have hindered their relationship with God – why do you think that Christians still struggle with their past? What should a Christian do?

III. God is glorified in the life of the Justified.

- All evidence of sin and guilt is wiped away.
- If you are a follower of Christ, live free from your past.
- We live to glorify God in all that we do.

Promise of the Day

I believe in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I do not earn salvation through my works; rather it is the work of Jesus Christ on the cross. My sins are forgiven and I am justified by faith in Christ. My past is forgotten and I live to give Glory to God.