

The BIBLE PROJECT

JUSTIFICATION



Questions for consideration:

1. What do you think is meant by Rom 3.10?

Rom 3.10 – NO One is righteous, no not one

2. Does the Bible teach that a person must be righteous as God is righteous if he or she is to inherit eternal life? -- Mt 5.48 _____

3. How does a person attain the righteousness needed to receive eternal life? _____

4. Is it possible to live a good and moral life and still fail to attain eternal life? _____

5. How does a person get to the place where he or she feels the need to become acceptable to God (justified in God's eyes)?
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6. What part does a person's evaluation of the authority of Scripture play in the process of their salvation? _____.

References from homework (and more):

Col 1.22 – he has reconciled in his fleshly body thru death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him

Rom 5.9 – by one man's obedience will many be made righteous

Rom. 5.19 For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

Col 2.14 – cancelled the bond which stood against us ... nailing it to the cross.

Rom 5.6—Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

Rom 3.25-26 – God put forward to be the atoning sacrifice by his blood ... to show God's righteousness

Rom 3.22 – Righteousness of God thru faith in J.C. for all who believe

Rom 4.5 -- However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.

Rom 4.25 – faith is reckoned as righteousness.

Heb 1.3 – He had made purification for sins -- YOM KIPPUR

Jn 1.29 – Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Is 53.4-6 – All we like sheep have gone astray. We have turned everyone to our own way, but the Lord laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Is 53.10-11 – by his knowledge shall the righteous one, ... make many to be accounted righteous.

1 Pet 2.24 – He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree.

Heb 9.24 – X entered heaven to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

Rom 5.9 – Now justified by his blood ... saved from the wrath of God

1 Jn 1.7 – the blood of JC ... cleanses us from all sin

Phil 3.9 – And be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own based on the law, but that which is through faith in Christ -- the righteousness from God that depends on faith.

BIG IDEA 1: SCRIPTURE – SOLE AND FINAL AUTHORITY FOR FAITH AND BEHAVIOR.



Scripture is true in all that it intends to affirm.

- Is the Bible itself THE Word of God? Or does it merely contain the Word of God?
- Is the Bible THE authority or is it AN authority for what God says?
- When Scripture is read do we listen FOR the Word of God or listen TO the Word of God? What is the difference?

Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 1

Although the light of nature, and the works of creation and providence do so far manifest the goodness, wisdom, and power of God, as to leave men inexcusable, yet are they not sufficient to give that knowledge of God, and of His will, which is necessary unto salvation. Therefore it pleased the Lord, at sundry times, and in divers manners, to reveal Himself, and to declare that His will unto His Church; and afterwards for the better preserving and propagating of the truth, and for the more sure establishment and comfort of the Church against the corruption of the flesh, and the malice of Satan and of the world, to commit the same wholly unto writing; which makes the Holy Scripture to be most necessary; those former ways of God's revealing His will unto His people being now ceased.

Under the name of Holy Scripture, or the Word of God written, are now contained all the books of the Old and New Testament ... All which are given by inspiration of God to be **the rule of faith and life**.

We may be moved and induced by the testimony of the Church to an high and reverent esteem of the Holy Scripture. And the heavenliness of the matter, the efficacy of the doctrine, the majesty of the style, the consent of all the parts, the scope of the whole (which is, to give all glory to God), the full discovery it makes of the only way of man's salvation, the many other incomparable excellencies, and the entire perfection thereof, are arguments whereby **it does abundantly evidence itself to be the Word of God**; yet notwithstanding, our full persuasion and assurance of the **infallible truth and divine authority** thereof, is from the inward work of the Holy Spirit bearing witness by and with the Word in our hearts.

The whole counsel of God concerning all things necessary for His own glory, man's salvation, faith and life, is either expressly set down in Scripture, or by good and necessary consequence may be deduced from Scripture: unto which nothing at any time is to be added, whether by new revelations of the Spirit, or traditions of men.



Disintegration (“Guernica”)

BIG IDEA 2: NO ONE IS RIGHTEOUS AND ACCEPTABLE ON THEIR OWN:

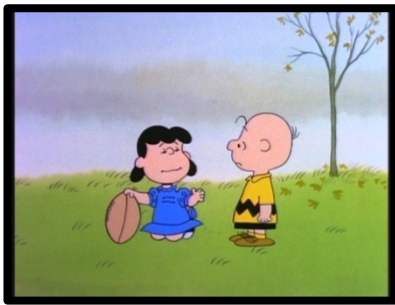
Romans 3. 10 & 23

Holy and Righteous God will not accept a "sinful and unrepentant people." Therefore the whole race faces the possibility of eternal separation from God

Common views to the contrary:

- “We’re all going to the same place.”
- “It makes no difference what person’s religion is as long as he or she is sincere.”
- “Now there is a righteous person -- really deserves to go heaven.”

SINCERITY IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR TRUTH -- Lucy with Charlie Brown and the football.



RIGHTEOUSNESS --

Modern: ethical conformity with the community norm?

Biblical: THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD AS REVEALED IN SCRIPTURE,
NOT THE STANDARDS OF COMMUNITY. See Matt. 5 especially verse 48

BIG IDEA 3: GOD HAS ACTED THROUGH THE WORK OF CHRIST TO CHANGE THE HUMAN PREDICAMENT. Through CHRIST's work, the faithful are justified.



There is a place in heaven—in the eternal kingdom for those in Christ.

See scriptures from homework.

Justification is imputed/declared righteousness, granted – not earned or actually possessed or practiced, righteousness Ro 4.3, 6-8; 5.17; 2 Cor 5.21/ Eph 2.7-8

ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF FAITH STAND JUSTIFIED BEFORE GOD -- Gen 15.6; Gal 3.6; Rom 3.28, 1 Cor 6.11 (Such were some of you, but you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the LJC ...), Gal 3.24 (Therefore, the law was our disciplinarian so that we might be justified by faith). Rom 3.26; 10.2-4.

What is justification? In simple terms—the reversal of **disintegration**.

1. Religiously -- prayers heard, guilt assuaged, sins forgiven
2. Psychologically -- self-image restored to the full image of God
3. Socially -- community established through forgiveness sought and given
4. Judicially -- legal model -- no further penalty; slate wiped clean of offense.
5. With respect to time -- life forever assured -- eternal life begins now.
6. Ministerially -- the right to assist others comes from the willingness to be assisted.
7. Financially—debt paid.

What is repentance --

The prodigal son and the older brother

Confession of unworthiness and the acceptance of the costly gift of the father's provision.

IV. What Justification is not – or how not to be justified. Make a list.

BIG IDEA 4: SCRIPTURES WARN AGAINST SEEKING JUSTIFICATION THROUGH MEANS THAT CANNOT PRODUCE IT.

A. Name some false attempts at justification

B. Pictured list:



Human wisdom – education are dead ends. Library of Celsus in ancient Ephesus. It was connected by underground passages to the brothels.

I'd like to buy the world a home
And furnish it with love
Grow apple trees and honey bees
And snow white turtle doves
(Chorus)
I'd like to teach the world to sing
In perfect harmony

I'd like to buy the world a Coke
And keep it company
That's the real thing
(Chorus 2)
What the world wants today
Is the real thing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6a8F28WVXlk>

PEACE DELIVERED Amazon Ave Maria Commercial:

<https://youtu.be/i8hrrA2Gxgc>



Works of the law, even morality and noble intentions are DEAD ENDS. Of what are laws the evidence? What do laws lead to? Does the criminal justice system correct crime?



(North Carolina Museum of Natural Science)

IDEALISM, SELF-IMPROVEMENT AND NOBLE INTENTIONS ARE DEAD ENDS. The inventor of Facebook, Mark Zuckerberg, says he made Facebook expecting that if people could talk with each other, that would make the world better on its own. Now he acknowledges that Facebook may have created a new syndrome FOMO—fear of missing out. Through genetics scientists seek the perfection of human nature.



RELIGION IS A DEAD END

—NOT EVEN RELIGION CAN PERFECT HUMAN NATURE. Ghandi -- certainly a good man, cohabits with his father's wife, while his father dies. The vast majority of people in the world

claim to be part of a “religion.” Where is that taking us? From the Parthenon to the Temple of Bahai, to the Tibetan monks and the Dalai Lama has religion perfected human nature yet?

BIG IDEA 5: GOOD PROJECTS TO ATTEMPT -- NOT JUSTIFYING WORKS

Human wisdom and education, works of law and morality, idealism, self-improvement and religion are commendable, but not justifying.

In fact they are meant to be the outcome of justification. Ephesians 2.8-10

IG IDEA 6: PEOPLE OF GOD ARE JUSTIFIED BY WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR THEM THROUGH CHRIST—JESUS IS THE WAY.

The people of God are NOT justified by what they do for God,
BUT
They are justified by what God has done for them.

BIG IDEA 7: JUSTIFICATION IS APPROPRIATED THROUGH FAITH –

How do we get justified or receive righteousness then, if not by our efforts? Righteousness is the result of JUSTIFICATION.

FAITH -- THE WHOLE LESSON NEXT WEEK.



Of Justification—Westminster Confession, Chapter XI

I. Those whom God effectually calls, He also freely justifies; not by infusing righteousness into them, but by pardoning their sins, and by accounting and accepting their persons as righteous; not for any thing wrought in them, or done by them, but for Christ's sake alone; nor by imputing faith itself, the act of believing, or any other evangelical obedience to them, as their righteousness; but by imputing the obedience and satisfaction of Christ unto them, they receiving and resting on Him and His righteousness by faith; which faith they have not of themselves, it is the gift of God.

II. Faith, thus receiving and resting on Christ and His righteousness, is the alone instrument of justification: yet is it not alone in the person justified, but is ever accompanied with all other saving graces, and is no dead faith, but works by love.

III. Christ, by His obedience and death, did fully discharge the debt of all those that are thus justified, and did make a proper, real and full satisfaction to His Father's justice in their behalf. Yet, in as much as He was given by the Father for them; and His obedience and satisfaction accepted in their stead; and both, freely, not for any thing in them; their justification is only of free grace; that both the exact justice, and rich grace of God might be glorified in the justification of sinners.

IV. God did, from all eternity, decree to justify all the elect, and Christ did, in the fullness of time, die for their sins, and rise again for their justification: nevertheless, they are not justified, until the Holy Spirit does, in due time, actually apply Christ unto them.

V. God does continue to forgive the sins of those that are justified; and although they can never fall from the state of justification, yet they may, by their sins, fall under God's fatherly displeasure, and not have the light of His countenance restored unto them, until they humble themselves, confess their sins, beg pardon, and renew their faith and repentance.

VI. The justification of believers under the Old Testament was, in all these respects, one and the same with the justification of believers under the New Testament.

FOOTNOTES—SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

1] ROM 2:14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: 15 Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another; 1:19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. 20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse. PSA 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork. 2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. 3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. ROM 1:32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them. 2:1 Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.

[2] 1CO 1:21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. 2:13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

[3] HEB 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets.

[4] PRO 22:19 That thy trust may be in the Lord, I have made known to thee this day, even to thee. 20 Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge, 21 That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee? LUK 1:3 It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus, 4 That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed. ROM 15:4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. MAT 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. 7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. 10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. ISA 8:19 And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead? 20 To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

[5] 2TI 3:15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 2PE 1:19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts.

[6] HEB 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds.

[7] LUK 16:29 Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. 31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead. EPH 2:20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone. REV 22:18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: 19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. 2TI 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

[8] LUK 24:27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. 44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me. ROM 3:2 Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God. 2PE 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

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[10] 1TI 3:15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

[11] 1JO 2:20 But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. 27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him. JOH 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. 1CO 2:10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. ISA 59:21 As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the Lord; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the Lord, from henceforth and for ever.

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doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. GAL 1:8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. 9 As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. 2TH 2:2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

[13] JOH 6:45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me. 1CO 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

[14] 1CO 11:13 Judge in yourselves: is it comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered? 14 Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him? 14:26 How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying. 40 Let all things be done decently and in order.

[15] 2PE 3:16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things: in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

[16] PSA 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. 130 The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

[17] MAT 5:18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

[18] ISA 8:20 To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them. ACT 15:15 And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written. JOH 5:39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. 46 For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me.

[19] JOH 5:39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

[20] 1CO 14:6 Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you, except I shall speak to you either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine? 9 So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air. 11 Therefore if I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be unto him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh shall be a barbarian unto me. 12 Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church. 24 But if all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or one unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all: 27 If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most three, and that by course; and let one interpret. 28 But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.

[21] COL 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

[22] ROM 15:4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime, were written for our learning; that we, through patience and comfort of the scriptures, might have hope.

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The Bible Project 2.04

Consider the following if you choose to prepare for the next class:^[1]_{SEP}

FAITH

ReREAD the BOOK OF HEBREWS

Outline chapter 11.

Review the lessons since THE UPPER ROOM EXPERIENCE and make a list of the Lessons with their BIG IDEAS.

MARKERS

Rom. 8	Creation itself will be set free
Rom. 8	Nothing can separate from the love of God
Rom. 12	Do not be conformed but transformed by the renewal of your mind.