

Antioch Baptist Church Bible Study

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“The Bible Regarding the Articles of Faith in the Baptist Church”

**Article #5**

**“Justification”**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

The doctrine of justification concerns God’s gracious judicial verdict in advance of the day of judgment, pronouncing guilty sinners, who turn in self-despairing trust to Jesus Christ, forgiven, acquitted of all charges, and declared morally upright in the sight of God. To understand the doctrine of justification, we must get a clear theological understanding the meaning of justification, how justification occurs, and the outcome of justification. The objective of this Bible study lesson is to inform the Christian on the profound theological and spiritual truth as followers of Jesus Christ.

When Justification is neglected, we preach and teach an incomplete Gospel, and the believer is robbed of its power and life. Many Christians have struggle through their spiritual life with an incomplete or incorrect perception of how God sees them. Justification addresses humanity’s most pressing need, we have a God of justice. Justification is an attribute of God and defines God’s character. Justification is one of the key components of God’s saving work.

**II. KEY WORD STUDY**

1. **Justification**- a reckoning or counting as righteous to a holy God.
2. **Salvation**- the act of being delivered from the power of sin.
3. **Grace**- unmerited favor or kindness shown without regard.
4. **Mediator**- one who stands between parties to form a reconciliation.
5. **Atonement**- the death of Jesus that effects salvation as reestablishment of the relationship between God and sinners.
6. **Faith**- belief, trust, or to accept as the truth.
7. **Repentance**- a change of heart and to turn from sin.

8. **Confession**- the act of acknowledging one's sin.
9. **Mercy**- the act of compassion in helping those who break God's law and circumstances beyond their control.
10. **Forgiveness**- the act of pardoning or remitting an offense.
11. **Regeneration**- the spiritual change brought about in a person's life by an act of God.
12. **Transgression**- to violate the laws of God.
13. **Sin**- to miss the mark.
14. **Iniquity**- gross injustice, wickedness, or sin.
15. **Depravity**- a state of corruption due to original sin.
16. **Impute**- charging or reckoning something to a person's account.
17. **Heresy**- a view that is contrary to the established teachings and theological doctrine of the church.
18. **Doctrine**- a codification of beliefs that is taught and believed.
19. **Righteousness**- the state of moral purity or doing that which is right.
20. **Adoption**- the act of God's grace by which sinful people are brought into his redeemed family.

### III. THE THEOLOGICAL DEFINITION OF JUSTIFICATION

Justification is the gracious act of God in which, because of our faith in Jesus Christ. God considers our sins as forgiven and declares us to be "just" or morally righteous in his sight. In other words justification is, "just as if I'd never sinned."

### IV. THE THEOLOGY OF JUSTIFICATION

#### A. Justification is an act of God

1. Romans 3:21-26
2. Romans 4:23-25
3. Romans 5:8-19

#### B. Justification is an act of Faith

1. Romans 1:17
2. Romans 2:13
3. Romans 3:20-31
4. Romans 4:3-9

5. Romans 5:1
6. James 2:24

**C. Justification by Grace**

1. Acts 13:39
2. Romans 4:25
3. Romans 5:2, 16
4. Ephesians 2:8-9

**D. The Results of Justification**

1. Romans 5:9
2. Romans 8:17, 30-39

**V. REVIEW ON ARTICLE 5 ON JUSTIFICATION**