

# ***Faith towards God - Justification***



## **120) What is the second spiritual foundation stone?**

- A. Faith toward God.

## **121) What is faith?**

- A. Primarily, faith is a firm persuasion, a conviction, that something is true.

"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."

HEB 11:1 NIV

- B. Faith is the currency of heaven.

1. Nothing is given or received, birthed or obliterated in the spiritual realm without faith being put into action.

"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

HEB 11:6 KJV

"For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith."

HEB 4:2 NIV

- C. Faith is active

1. It is being sure of what you are hoping for.  
2. It is being certain of things you can't yet see.

- D. Faith is a gift God has given to all of us.

1. God gives each of us a measure or portion of faith; no one is left out.

"For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you."

ROM 12:3 NIV

## Building Firm Foundations

### 122) Where does faith come from?

- A. Faith comes from hearing and believing God's word.

"Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ."

ROM 10:17 NIV

### 123) What is faith toward God?

- A. Faith toward God is the Bible teaching which says, when sinners accept Jesus as their Savior, they are "justified" and redeemed from their sins.

"This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, [23] for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, [24] and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus."

ROM 3:22-24 NIV

### 124) What is justification?

- A. Justification is salvation applied to the spirit of man.
1. Salvation comes in three stages:
    - a. Justification - Salvation applied to man's spirit.
    - b. Sanctification - Salvation applied to man's soul.
    - c. Glorification - Salvation applied to man's body.
- B. "Justify" is a legal term which means "to render or pronounce a person just or innocent." In a moral sense, it means "to cleanse or clear oneself."
1. When Adam sinned, man suffered spiritual separation from God.

"But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear."

ISA 59:2 NIV

- C. When you are "justified," you are made spiritually alive, separation is ended and fellowship with God is reestablished.
1. You cease being God's adversary and become a son of God.

### 125) What happens when we are justified?

- A. When you accept Jesus as your Savior, God accepts Jesus' death as a substitution for your death. Jesus' death satisfied the legal requirements of the law on your behalf.

"God made him (Jesus) who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

2COR 5:21 NIV

- B. Your sins are forgiven.
1. We surrender our sins to God and He gives us His righteousness.
- C. Your spirit man is quickened (becomes alive), regenerated (lit. rebirth), born again, redeemed (to ransom, buy back).

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- D. You become God's love slave because He purchased you with His blood.
  - 1. No longer can you live life the way you want to. Jesus becomes your Lord and master.
- E. The Holy Spirit takes up residence in our spirit.
- F. You are granted eternal life in God's presence, Heaven.

"But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. [22] This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, [23] for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, [24] and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. [25] God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished - [26] he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus."

ROM 3:21-26 NIV

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

ROM 5:9 NIV

"But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. [23] For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

ROM 6:22-23 NIV

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; [20] you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body."

1COR 6:19-20 NIV

### 126) How do I accept Jesus as my Savior?

- A. You accept Jesus as your Savior by repenting from dead works and exercising faith towards God. *see (123)*

### 127) What are the steps I must take to receive Jesus as my Savior?

- A. The steps we must take are:
  - 1. Admit we are sinners in need of a Savior.
  - 2. Repent of our dead works and all other sins.
  - 3. Exercise faith in God and His Word by surrendering control of your life.
  - 4. Receive God into your heart expecting Him to transform you.
- B. This can be done by praying a simple prayer of salvation.
  - 1. "Dear God, I am a sinner. Please forgive me for my sins. I repent and turn away from my sin. Lord Jesus, come into my heart and make me new. Thank you for hearing my prayer. I pray in Jesus name, Amen."
  - 2. All the elements of sorrow, confession, repentance and faith are contained in this simple prayer.

**128) How can I be sure God has heard my prayer of repentance and granted me justification?**

A. Once again, we exercise our faith in the Word of God.

"You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus,"  
GAL 3:26 NIV

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

1JOHN 1:9 NIV

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. [15] And if we know that he hears us -whatever we ask - we know that we have what we asked of him."

1JOHN 5:14-15 NIV

B. A second assurance is the internal witness of the Holy Spirit who now lives in our heart.

"The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. [17] Now if we are children, then we are heirs -heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory."

ROM 8:16-17 NIV

"We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit."

1JOHN 4:13 NIV

C. There will be a change in our heart and in our mind toward sin.

1. Sins that used to entice us will become repulsive and will lose their grip on our life.
2. Our conscience will become tender to God's voice. We will experience a strong desire to please God by avoiding sin.
3. The things of God that used to be boring (reading the Bible, attending church and praying) will become an exciting and important part of our life.

D. These changes will be noticed by your family and friends.

"Produce fruit in keeping with repentance."

MATT 3:8 NIV

"Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders [10] nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. [11] And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God."

1COR 6:9-11 NIV

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### Homework for Chapter 10

**Please answer the following questions from the textbook in full sentences and return to your Group Leaders next week.**

1) Define the word "faith."

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2) Explain what happens when we are justified.

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3) List the steps toward justification.

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4) How do you know that God has heard your prayer of repentance?

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