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- Job 9:2 But how can a man be in the right before God?
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1) We must be Declared Justified because of our Sin

Matthew 9:9-13, Romans 5:1, Zechariah 3:1-5

- Gentiles were called sinners or lawless ones because they did not have the laws to guide them, and they were not Gods covenant people.
- Romans 4:5 God justifies the ungodly
- Romans 3:23 all have sinned.
- Isaiah 64:6 says our righteous deeds are like filthy rags
- "Justified: To Declare Righteous" (Thomas R. Schriener)
- "Justification is the act of God whereby He declares the believing sinner righteous in Jesus Christ." Warren Weirsbe
- Justification is an instant immediate transaction which is why works is not acceptable because with works it would be a gradual process.
- Romans 8:33 it is God who justifies
- You go from guilty (standing before God condemned) to not guilty (Standing before God as righteous)

2) We are Justified by Faith not our Works

Galatians 3:10, Exodus 20:13-15, Romans 3:20 and 28, Romans 10:1-4, Galatians 4:4-5

- Works are a burden and considered a burden no one can bear (Acts 15:10)
- Have you ever murdered someone? Matthew 5:21-22
- Have you committed adultery? Matthew 5:27-28
- In this passage Paul is alluding to Psalm 143:1-2
- "Found" is a legal term and we are found guilty or innocent.
- Luke 19:30 It is finished
- Ephesians 2:8-9 It is a gift not by works.
- I have died to the Law or in other words I have given up trying to fulfill my own justification by fulfilling the law and have now placed my faith in Christ.
- We repent and turn not just from our sin but from our own attempts at saving ourselves.

3) Justification Changes us

Romans 8:9-11, Philippians 3:12

- Salvation is not only about our legal status being changed but our character is changed as well.
- Colossians 1:27 Christ in You.
- Galatians 5:22-23 The fruits of the Spirit
- 2 Corinthians 5:17 we are new creations.
- God declares us righteous (2 Cor. 5:21) and changes our us (Phil. 1:6)
- Psalm 51:10 Create in me a pure heart O God.
- Matthew 5:6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for Righteousness

4) When you reject Gods Grace you reject being Justified by Him.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4, Romans 10:8-13

- Righteousness must be declared it cannot be earned.
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