

JUSTIFICATION 2

WHILE WAITING TO BEGIN...

Discuss why it is that you seek to lead a godly life?

1. RECAP: JUSTIFICATION...

2. JUSTIFICATION IS “BY FAITH”

(a) Definitions

- How does faith save? Faith is an “instrument”
- What *is* faith? Knowledge → Assent → Trust

(b) Bible texts

E.g. Romans 3:27-30, 4:3-5, 4:16, 4:23-24, 5:1

(c) Why it has to be by faith alone – and not by works

3. WHERE DO OUR “GOOD WORKS” FIT IN?

(a) We are not saved BY good works. But we are not saved WITHOUT good works

James 2:14-26

(b) Good works do not justify us. Good works are EVIDENCE of justification

Matthew 7:15-23

(c) The “obedience of faith” in Romans¹

Paul’s aim = “the obedience of faith”

1:5, 16:26

But which is primary?

1:8 (faith), 16:19 (obedience)

So what do you mean Paul?!

Initial repentance and faith is obedience to God’s command

10:16 (also. Acts 17:30, 2 Thess. 1:8)

Ongoing faith means ongoing obedience

6:12, 6:16, 6:18

So... *“The obedience of faith means bowing the knee in trusting submission to Jesus the Lord, both at the start and all through the Christian life.”*²

¹ See Christopher Ash, *Teaching Romans* (vol. 1), pp55-58

² Ash, p57