

**"JUSTIFICATION AND PEACE"****Introduction**

1. What is this "peace" referred to?
2. There is a false and a true "peace"
3. True peace comes with Justification

**1. WHY WE NEED TO BE JUSTIFIED**

- 1) We are all born sinful!
  - (i) Adam's sin is imputed to us
  - (ii) Our nature is corrupt
  - (iii) Our personal lives are sinful
  - (iv) As a sinner, we are all condemned
- 2) The importance of understanding God's Law:
  - (i) It is the standard God requires of all men
  - (ii) It is given us in the Ten Commandments
  - (iii) It is impossible for us to fulfil this Law  
**APPLICATION**: Do you realize you are guilty before God?

**2. WHAT JUSTIFICATION IS**

- 1) Sin has ruined us in 3 ways:
  - (i) we are wrong in our hearts
  - (ii) and in our relationship to God
  - (iii) also in our relationship to God's Law
- 2) God puts us right in 3 ways:
  - (i) our hearts: by a New Birth
  - (ii) our relation to God: by Adoption
  - (iii) our relation to His Law: by Justification  
**ILLUSTRATION**: a criminal is guilty and stands before the Judge  
**APPLICATION**: Have you asked Christ to pay all your debts to God?

**3. HOW CHRIST ALONE CAN GIVE IT TO US**

- 1) The standard required is perfection
- 2) Adam put us wrong; Christ puts us right
- 3) Christ came to give us a righteousness
  - (i) His perfect obedience in life;
  - (ii) His perfect atonement in death  
**OBSERVE**: These make up a "righteousness" fully offered to sinners.  
**ILLUSTRATION**: a garment to clothe us
- 4) "Filthy rags" v. Perfect righteousness.  
**ILLUSTRATION**: The thief on the Cross  
**APPLICATION**: Have you got this garment on?

**4. THE IMPORTANCE OF SEEKING THIS PEACE**

- 1) The peace is in our heart + soul:
  - (i) conscience no longer accuses us
  - (ii) God's justice does not terrify us
  - (iii) Satan cannot condemn us
- 2) It is "peace with God"!
  - (i) He is now our Judge and Father
  - (ii) We cannot fall into condemnation
  - (iii) We love all our Christian brethren  
**ILLUSTRATION**: The Philippian jailer

**CONCLUSION**

Do you know this "peace"?  
 Christ alone is our "peace".

**PSALM****32: 1 – 5****51: 9 – 15****89: 15 – 18**