

What are Justification and Adoption?

Bible Doctrines - Week 11, 8/14/2016

Definition: Justification is an instantaneous legal act of God in which he (1) thinks of our sins as forgiven and thinks of Christ's righteousness as belonging to us and therefore (2) declares us to be "just" or morally righteous in his sight.

I. Justification Is a Legal Declaration by God

II. A Declaration That We Are Righteous before God

III. Justification by Faith Alone

Definition: Adoption is an act of God whereby he makes us members of his family.

IV. Adoption: Membership in a New Family

Questions for Review and Application

1. How are Christians justified? Do you really believe that you have been fully justified once for all time?
2. If you are a Christian, how does it make you feel to be part of God's family? Why does it make you feel this way? Can you name some of the specific blessings that come from adoption?