Justification

Intro. Contrary to popular belief man’s greatest need is not money, power, position, etc. Man’s greatest need is justification. Justification is to be made right or just.

I. Man’s Need Of Justification.
   A. Man has sinned.
      1. Rom. 3:10, 23 “As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:... 23For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;”
      2. Gal. 3:22 “But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.”
      3. 1 John 1:8, 10 “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.... 10If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.”
   B. Isa. 59:1-2 “Behold, the Lord’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: 2But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.”
   C. Because of this separation man needs reconciliation to God.

II. The Way To Be Justified.
   A. God justifies us by His Son; Rom. 8:33-34 “Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God’s elect? It is God that justifieth. 34Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.”
   B. Man also has a part in his justification.
      1. Faith.
         a. John 3:16-17 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.”
         b. Heb. 11:6 “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.”
         c. Not faith only.
            (1) Jam. 2:24, 19 “Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.... 19Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.”
            (2) John 1:12 “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.”
      2. Repentance.
         a. Luke 13:3, 5 “I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.... 5I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.”
         b. Luke 24:46-47 “And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: 47And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”
         c. Acts 17:30 “And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:”
3. **Baptism.**
   a. **Mark 16:15-16** “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. **16**He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”
   b. **Acts 2:38** “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”
   c. **Acts 22:16** “And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.”
   d. **Rom. 6:3-4, 17-18** “Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? **3**Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.... **17**But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. **18**Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.”
   e. **1 Pet. 3:20-21** “Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. **21**The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:”

**III. Blessings We Receive.**

**A. We can rejoice.**
   1. **Phi. 4:4** “Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.”
   2. Because of the peace we have: **Phi. 4:7** “And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

**B. We have all spiritual blessings; Eph. 1:3** “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:”
   1. No condemnation; **Rom. 8:1** “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”
   2. New creature; **2 Cor. 5:17** “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”
   3. Child of God; **Gal. 3:26** “For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.”
   4. Redemption through His blood; forgiveness of sins.
      a. **Eph. 1:7** “In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;”
      b. **Col. 1:14** “In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:”
   5. Salvation; **2 Tim. 2:10** “Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.”

**C. God will be our Father.**
   1. Satan is also a spiritual father; **John 8:44** “Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.”
   2. **2 Cor. 6:17-18** “Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, **18**And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.”
   3. **Heb. 8:10** “For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:”
D. **Our prayers answered.**
   1. Eph. 2:18 “For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.”
   2. 1 Pet. 3:12 “For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.”

E. **Eternal life; Rom. 5:18** “Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.”

Conclusion: If you have not been justified by the blood of Christ, will you accept that justification today?