

JUSTIFICATION

PRE/POST-HOLY WEEK SERIES – PART III

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JUSTIFICATION, *noun*

1. The act of justifying; a showing (not a making or infusing) of one to be just or righteous or conformable to the entirety of God's holy moral law.
2. The showing of sufficiently compelling and persuasive reasons, in a court of law, why a defendant is not guilty of what he is charged by the law to be responsible and accountable for.
3. A legal act of God's free grace by which God declares before God the person as righteous, on account of the perfect moral life of love and active and passive obedience of Christ and His representative (*for* the person) and substitutional (*instead* of the person) atoning work of Jesus Christ's suffering, crucifixion, bearing of God's just wrath and bodily death.

Genesis 2:16-17

¹⁶ **The LORD God** commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely;

¹⁷ but **from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat,** for **in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."**

Chapter 6: Of the Fall of Man, Of Sin, And of the Punishment Thereof

1. *Although God created man upright and perfect, and gave him a righteous law, which had been unto life had he kept it, and threatened death upon the breach thereof,*

*yet he did not long abide in this honour;
Satan using the subtlety of the serpent to subdue Eve, then*

*by her seducing Adam,
who, without any compulsion, did willfully transgress the law of their creation, and the command given unto them, in eating the forbidden fruit, which*

God was pleased, according to His wise and holy counsel to permit, having purposed to order it to His own glory.

2. *Our first parents, by this sin,
fell from their original righteousness and communion with God, and we in them whereby death came upon all: all becoming dead in sin, and wholly defiled in all the faculties and parts of soul and body.*

3. *They being the root, and by God's appointment, standing in the room and stead of all mankind, the guilt of the sin was imputed, and corrupted nature conveyed,*
to all their posterity descending from them by ordinary generation, being now conceived in sin, and by nature children of wrath, the servants of sin, the subjects of death, and all other miseries, spiritual, temporal, and eternal,

unless the Lord Jesus set them free.

Genesis 3:1-8

¹ Now **the serpent** was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And

he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?"

² The woman said to the serpent, "**From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat;**

³ but **from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.'**"

⁴ **The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die!**

⁵ "For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and **you will be like God, knowing good and evil.**"

⁶ When **the woman saw** that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make *one* wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.

⁷ Then **the eyes of both of them were opened,** and **they knew that they were naked;** and **they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings.**

⁸ They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and **the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God** among the trees of the garden.

Chapter 8: Of Christ the Mediator

Chapter 11: Of Justification

Chapter 19: Of the Law of God

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