

JUSTIFICATION

PRE/POST-HOLY WEEK SERIES – PART VI - “b”

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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.

Chapter 19: Of the Law of God

1. God gave to Adam **a law of universal obedience written in his heart**, and **a particular precept of not eating the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil**; by which **He bound him and all his posterity to personal, entire, exact, and perpetual obedience**; **promised life upon the fulfilling, and threatened death upon the breach of it**, and **endued him with power and ability to keep it**.

“UNIVERSAL OBEDIENCE” – theological working definition:

“HEART” – theological working definition:

Genesis 1:26-27

²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make **man in Our image**, **according to Our likeness**; and let them **rule** . . . over all the earth, . . ."

²⁷ God created man in **His own image**, **in the image of God** He created him; **male and female** He created **them**.

Romans 1:18-20

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

¹⁹ because **that which is known about God is evident within them**; for **God made it evident to them**.

²⁰ For **since the creation of the world**

His invisible attributes, His eternal power and **divine nature**, **have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse**.

Romans 2:14-16

¹⁴ For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves, ¹⁵ in that they show the work of **the Law written in their hearts**, **their conscience bearing witness** and **their thoughts** alternately accusing or else defending them,

¹⁶ on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus.

Deuteronomy 6:4-15

⁴ "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!

⁵ "You shall

love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

⁶ "These words, which I am commanding you today,

shall be on your heart.

⁷ "You shall teach them diligently to your sons and

shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.

⁸ "You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead.

⁹ "You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

¹⁰ "Then it shall come about when the LORD your God brings you into the land which He swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you, great and splendid cities which you did not build, ¹¹ and houses full of all good things which you did not fill, and hewn cisterns which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant, and you eat and are satisfied,

¹² then watch yourself, that you do not forget the LORD who brought you from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

¹³ "You shall fear only the LORD your God; and you shall worship Him and swear by His name.

¹⁴ "You shall not follow other gods, any of the gods of the peoples who surround you,

¹⁵ for the LORD your God in the midst of you is a jealous God; otherwise the anger of the LORD your God will be kindled against you, and He will wipe you off the face of the earth.

Mark 12:28-34

²⁸ One of the scribes came and heard them arguing, and recognizing that He had answered them well, asked Him,

"What commandment is the foremost of all?"

²⁹ Jesus answered, "The foremost is, 'HEAR, O ISRAEL! THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD;

AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.'"

³¹ "The second is this, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

³² The scribe said to Him, "Right, Teacher;

You have truly stated that HE IS ONE, AND THERE IS NO ONE ELSE BESIDES HIM;

³³ AND TO LOVE HIM WITH ALL THE HEART AND WITH ALL THE UNDERSTANDING AND WITH ALL THE STRENGTH, AND TO LOVE ONE'S NEIGHBOR AS HIMSELF, is much more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

³⁴ When Jesus saw that he had answered intelligently, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that, no one would venture to ask Him any more questions.

6. Although true believers be not under the law as a covenant of works, to be thereby justified or condemned, yet it is of great use to them as well as to others, in that as a rule of life, informing them of the will of God and their duty, it directs and binds them to walk accordingly;

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