SO WHAT

- Why are our own efforts never enough to justify us from our sins?
- Why is the blood of Christ enough to save us from our sins and what doors did Jesus open for those who trust and believe in what He did on the cross (Hebrews 10:14-24)?
- How can a sinner receive justification from God?

NOW WHAT

- In what ways do you catch yourself trying to earn God's favor, mercy, or love? What needs to change so you can freely enjoy God's free gift of salvation?
- What areas in life or things in the past that you've done do you still feel guilty about? How can the truth about the blood of Christ help you overcome this?
- With whom can you share the Good News of justification this week?

PRAYER

- Pray that God will renew your minds and hearts and help you trust in what He has done and not in what you can do.
- Ask God to continuously open your understanding about the power of the cross and how you can walk in the benefits of the gospel.
- Intercede for those who need to break free from living life on their own strength, that they may find and encounter God's grace and the life-changing gospel.



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Gospel in the Past



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CONNECT

- Share a funny incident where you committed an honest mistake.
 What can you remember from that?
- What is one funny experience you had when you were able to rectify or remedy a mistake, an error, or a blunder?
- How do you understand forgiveness of sins before you came to know Christ as your Lord and Savior?



... ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ROMANS 3:23,24

WHAT

Jesus' finished work on the cross has made it possible for sinners who put their faith in Him to be declared righteous in the eyes of the Ultimate Judge, set free from guilt and punishment (1 Corinthians 1:30; Romans 3:24). This is called justification. How does justification happen?

1 Not by works

⁸For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹not by works, so that no one can boast. EPHESIANS 2:8,9

We cannot be justified by our own good deeds, by obeying the law, etc. Romans 3:20 tells us that future obedience cannot atone for past sins and no one can obey perfectly. It is the law that makes us aware about our sin and its consequences, but it cannot remove the guilt. Who is the only One who can remove guilt?

2 By the Blood of Christ

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. 1 PETER 1:18.19

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of so can and this	are able to receive justification by grace, that is, not obmething we do or earn, but it is God's gift to us. And only experience it as we put our faith in the complete finished work of Christ (Romans 3:28; 4:5; 5:1). How controlly mindset of dependent the flesh?
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