

CLASS: SS 1

SUBJECT: CRS

WEEK: 5, 6 & 7

TOPIC: LOVE

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- GOD'S LOVE FOR MAN: JOHN 3: 16-18, JOHN 4:7-8, 1 COR. 13:1-3.
- MAN'S LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER: 1 JOHN 3:11-19.

GOD'S LOVE FOR MAN

Love is a warm, kind feeling or fondness towards another. There are many kinds of love. One is the love which God has for man. Another is the love which man should have for God. Yet another is the love which man should have for fellow man. In the above scripture, God sent His son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever does not believe in Him is condemned but anyone who believes in Him is saved already because he has not believed in the only son of God.

Jesus did not come to condemn either the believer or the non-believer. But the unbeliever who rejects Him has condemned himself by refusing the salvation offered him

MAN'S LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER

1 John 3:11-19 teaches us to exhibit love for one another. We cannot claim to love God whom we do not see while we are hostile or wicked to our fellow human. God is love and those who claim to love Him must exhibit love to people around them. Hatred must not be found in anyone who truly loves God. This is the first law that we love our fellow men.

JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH Romans 3: 21-24; 5:1-11

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- THE MEANING AND NEED FOR JUSTIFICATION
- WORKS AND LAW DO NOT JUSTIFY ANYBODY: ROMAN 4:1-5, GAL. 2: 16-21.

THE MEANING AND NEED FOR JUSTIFICATION ROM: 3:21-24.

To justify means to prove right or to prove innocent. For example, a person accused of a particular offence is justified by law if at the end of investigation he or she is pronounced innocent. Therefore, justification is a situation whereby someone is declared innocent or set free

through the process of law from a charge laid against him or her. Due to the love of God for man, He sent his son, Jesus, to the world for the redemption of man. Therefore any person who believes and has the faith that Jesus died for his/her sins is justified by God.

Justification by faith is righteousness of God acquired through faith in Jesus Christ. Man cannot attain the righteousness of God by his own effort or by keeping the law; it is only by His Grace which is the unmerited favor of God. This grace can only be received by having strong faith in Jesus Christ and the redemption He offers to mankind through the blood he shed on the cross. Therefore, if any man accepts Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior, he is justified by faith and once justified he is equally considered righteous.

WORKS AND LAW DO NOT JUSTIFY ANYBODY

St. Paul made us to see clearly that no one can be righteous before God except those that are justify in the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul disagreed with the religious practices of old about righteousness. People at the time believe so much in the laws of Moses which had become their religious norms. They so much lay emphasis on what they do as dictated by the laws. Paul made us to see that justification is only accessible through Jesus.

TOPIC: JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH (II)

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- FAITH IN JESUS AS CONDITION FOR JUSTIFICATION: Roman 1:16-17, Roman 4: 1-5.
- FRUITS OF JUSTIFICATION: GAL 2: 19-21, GAL. 5: 22, ROM. 5: 1

FAITH IN JESUS AS CONDITION FOR JUSTIFICATION

Justification is the expectation that men would be acceptable to God, each not in his own merit but in the provision made available to man in Christ Jesus. God provided a way through which man will be acceptable to Him. By this we see that justification is not based on merit before God but by faith in Jesus Christ, which is offered without distinction to everybody who puts his trust

in Jesus. Hence by sheer generosity of God the unacceptable is now acceptable and therefore justified, that is pronounced not guilty.

THE FRUITS OF JUSTIFICATION ROM 5:1-11

According to Paul, the fruit of justification are as follow:

1. To be at peace with God, and once a person is at peace with God, he is
2. Redeem from eternal condemnation.
3. Accessibility to God's glory and grace.
4. Rejoicing even in ones sufferings knowing that suffering produces endurance, endurance produces character and character produces hope.

Justification cannot be attained by man's effort.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH

Justification by faith as presented by St. Paul is for Christians to know

1. That they are no longer under the law but under grace.
2. They would only be justified by having strong faith in the Lord Jesus Christ
3. The blood of Jesus redeems mankind.