

JUST AND JUSTIFIER

Intro. Idea of God as judge and justice thruout Bible. Gen.18:25;Deut 32:4. 2 Tim.4:8,Heb.12:23;Jas. 5:9. No more prominent than in doct of justfctn.Scene is court,trial held,verdict decided,now announced.Deut 25:1. 1 Kg 8:32. Nothing more central to sal and standg bef.God.

I. The Problem in Justification.

Job 9:2 How can a man be just before God? How can God remain righteous and justify sinful man? Man sinful,3:10 Eph 2:3; under sin,3:9; guilty in Adam, 3:23, coming short of glory,3:23-lack, destitute, Lk22:35. Lack perfectn which rtness of God gives. Not same kind of begin God is but same quality. Only options for God are condemn, compromise, change such people.

II. The Procedure in Justification. Not chronological in all aspects, tho in some. It is to give us rtness. How?

1. The plan, 3:21. Apart from all legal complications. Not by law, 3:20; Acts 13:39. Predicted in law and prophets. To give Savior, manifested pf pass. at incarnatin, continuing results.

2. The prerequisite, 22 faith in X. Thru not bec of. If bec of then work and couldn't be freely by His grace, 24. Freely to us but at great cost to Him. Jn 15:25. Isa 55:1.

3. The Price 24-25. Redemptn by blood. Prop is place and sacrifice (Heb.9:5; 1 Jn2:2). See Matt 20:28; 1Tim2:6.

4. The Position. In X and with that righteousness. 2 Cor 5:17.

5. The Pronouncement. Now God can justify righteously bec we are actually rteous because of imputed rtness. Eye transplant (corneal).

Provision of Savior, channel of faith, gift of rtness, verdict of just.

III. Products of Justification.

1. Permanent peace, 5:1. Bec not guilty. 8:30, 33. No chance, 30, no charge, 33, no change, 35.

2. Practical or personal purity. 6:§ 7. Acquitted from sin and thus no dominion over him. That's why James can say 2:24. Works coupon says not good for ~~take~~ passage. Faith coupon says not good if detached.

Concl. Are you in Christ? Showing works before men?