# JUSTIFICATION & BEYOND+ GAL. 3:23-29

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Galatians 3:29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

#### <u>Us – as Humans:</u>

- >We are all sinners
- >All have broken the law
- **▶**Broken the law many times
- **≻**Guilty before God
- >Guilty & the law cannot help us...
- >Except to confirm our guilt
- >And, prove our need of Christ!
- >And, get us to Christ!

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1. We are justified + because of Christ – by faith!

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#### The Law / law confirms:

- ➤ We all have disobeyed God
- ➤ We all have broken the law...& disregarded the law-maker!
- John 1:11 He came unto his own (τὰ ἴδια), and his own (οἱ ἴδιοι) received him not.

Deuteronomy 10:12 And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,

**Deuteronomy 10:13** To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day **for thy good?** 

- **≻**We are guilty
- ➤ Guilty of breaking God's law over a lifetime
- >And the law proves that beyond ANY doubt
- **➤**The law is ready to condemn

#### **Justification**<sup>+</sup>:

- > We are declared a sinner first
- >Then we are declared righteous
- **Because of Christ** → the righteousness of Christ / God
- **Double imputation** → a double transfer

- $\rightarrow$  My sin  $\rightarrow$  Christ
- **≻**To me ← Christ's righteousness
- ➤ Declared far beyond not guilty...or even innocent
  → but righteous!
- >And, we become a child of God



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2. We are identified With Christ – by baptism!

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If we read the entire NT, this is what we will find:

- ➤ Baptism is always **AFTER** salvation (believing, trusting, repenting, receiving, calling, coming, becoming a believer...)
- >Baptism is of believers

Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach (μαθητεύσατε) all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Matthew 28:20 Teaching (διδάσκοντες) them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

➤ Baptism in the <u>name</u> of the Father, the Son, & the Holy Spirit.

### > Baptism by immersion

Romans 6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Romans 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

- >Baptism is in obedience
- >Baptism is symbolic act identifying us with Christ
  - His death, burial, & resurrection

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## 3. We are unified in Christ – by salvation!

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