

## **Justification**

We teach that justification before God is an act of God by which He declares righteous those who, through faith in Christ, repent of their sins and confess Him as sovereign Lord. This righteousness is apart from any virtue or human work and involves (1) the placing of our sins on Christ who paid the punishment for those sins in His death and (2) the imputation of Christ's righteousness to us. By this means God is both "just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus." (Isaiah 55:6-7; Luke 13:3; Romans 2:4; 3:20-26; 4:6; 8:33; 10:9-10; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 11:18; 1 Corinthians 1:2, 30; 6:11; 12:3; 2 Corinthians 4:5; 5:21; 7:10; Philippians 2:11; Colossians 2:14; 1 Peter 2:24)