

Done Deal

Romans 3:27-31

Implications of justification by faith:

I. Justification by faith eliminates any boasting or human pride. (v. 27, 28)

Question: Does salvation begin with man or does it begin with God?

Answer: It begins with God alone. If salvation is truly a work of God's grace then it must, of necessity, begin with Him.

Question: Why is Christianity a "done" religion?

Answer: Because Jesus Christ did everything necessary for our salvation when He died on a cross.

HOW CAN I BE SAVED?

DO

"Do this and live."

"Try harder and you'll make it."

"Earned."

"Work to gain it."

DONE

"It is finished."

"Stop trying and start trusting."

"A gift."

"Free for the asking."

"For we maintain that a man is justified by faith *alone* apart from works of the Law." (Martin Luther Translation of Ro 3:28)

Why is that important? Because it eliminates human pride and any boasting.

II. Justification by faith rejects any social or racial distinctions. (v.29, 30)

III. Justification by faith does not nullify the Law; it establishes the Law. (v. 31)

NOTES: What does Paul mean when he says that his teaching "establishes" the Law? He means that the teaching of justification by faith alone puts the Law of God in its proper place.

Justification by faith upholds the Law in at least four ways:

1. The Law shows us our sin.

2. The Law shows us our need for Christ.

3. The Law was fulfilled by Christ.

4. The Law is fulfilled in us by the power of the Holy Spirit.