

The 5 Solas: FAITH ALONE (Eph. 2:8-9)

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TEXTS: Eph. 2:8-9, Rom. 3:21-26, Rom. 4:4-8

MAIN IDEA—God through the act of justification has brought the Christian to a state of peace with God. This relationship with Christ is a gift of God's grace experienced through faith alone.

MEMORY VERSE--Rom. 5:1-2

SAVED THROUGH FAITH ALONE (Eph. 2:8-9)-The Reformers never tired of saying that justification is by grace alone through faith alone because of Christ alone.

*Justification = God's legal act of declaring a sinner to be righteous in His sight based on the work of Christ.

*Justification is an instantaneous act of God in which God views the believer's sin as forgiven and Christ's righteousness as belonging to the believer (**2 Cor. 5:21**).

*Justification flows from God's grace and it comes to the individual not by anything he or she might do (i.e. penance, law keeping, good deeds etc.) but *Sola Fide*.

>Rom. 3:21-26—V24 tells us that our justification is a gift of God's grace paid by the sacrifice of Jesus to deliver us from our sins.

V25 tells us that Jesus acts as our propitiation, turning God's wrath for sin away, giving favor through the cross.

V24 also teaches us that Jesus is the One who accomplishes our justification, supplying forgiveness of sin and crediting believers with His righteousness.

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*Jesus' **passive obedience** was His death on the cross as He paid the price for all who would believe in Him [**Is. 53:4-6; Rom. 5:8-9**].

*Jesus' **active obedience** was the life He lived of perfect obedience before God satisfying the righteous requirements of God's law in every way to earn the righteousness that we need and can't have without Him (**2 Cor. 5:21; Rom. 5:1-2**)

>Through justification God shows His righteousness by punishing our sins through our Divine Substitute crediting His merits to our account (**Rom. 3:26-28**).

Zechariah 3:1; 1 John 2:1; Psalm 7:11

Rom. 5:1; Rom. 4:4-8; Gal. 2:16

SAVING FAITH—The Reformers taught that saving faith or faith that justifies the sinner involved 3 elements (Noticia, Assensus, and Fiducia): knowledge, assent, and commitment.

1. Knowledge-We must have knowledge of the gospel facts before we can believe them.

Rom. 10:17; 1 Cor. 15:3

2. Assent -More than knowing gospel facts, the response of our heart agrees with this message and is sorrowful for sins committed and love for God is awaked.

3-Commitment-This is placing all of your trust in Christ, resting in His promises of forgiveness and righteousness, forsaking all to follow Christ.

F.A.I.T.H (Forsaking all I take Him)!

May you stand firm in the Gospel and live by faith.