

Are You Right With God?

Galatians 2:15-16

Do your good works balance the bad on the ledger sheet as you enter the courtroom of God? The Jewish approach _____ the understanding of the Law and the Sacrificial system. The law was given to _____ our need for an _____ source of justification.

Martin Luther climbed the holy stairs in Rome, kissing each step. The RC priests claimed God forgave sins for those who climbed on their knees. Luther did this, repeating the Lord's Model Prayer as he sought peace with God on those stairs. Luther attempted to find peace with God through his actions of contrition. He didn't.

Here's the problem: Jesus told us in Matthew 5:20 that our _____ had to surpass that of the scribes and pharisees to enter the kingdom. In Matt 5:48 Jesus said we had to be _____. So how can we be right with God?

I. What is _____?

Justification is God legally _____ we are no longer deemed _____ under divine law but _____ and _____ in the sight of God. It is a _____ event that will be

followed by a believer pursuing _____. A person who is justified will most certainly pursue _____.

Justification and Sanctification _____ each other at that first moment. _____ never justified anyone but no truly justified person wants to be _____ (Hendrickson).

II. Justification: _____

A person is not justified by the works of the law but through _____ in Christ. A person gets right with God not by the _____ but by _____ Christ. Human beings always want to add something to what God has done because we are terribly concerned about _____ appearances. Without exception, Paul wrote that to be right with God, a person must believe in Christ _____.

III. Justification: _____

Paul even reminded _____ he had to put his faith in Jesus. (Matt 16:16). A faith that justifies is by necessity a _____ faith.

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IV. Justification: _____

___ ___ will be justified by the works of the law.
If anyone could have been made right with God
by works, it would have been the _____. If it
was impossible for them and the apostles, it is
impossible for ___.

Remember: There are only two religions in the
world and everyone is practicing one or the
other. _____ achievement or divine
_____.

Which one do you practice?