

## Discipleship Night

### *Justification & Adoption*

#### **The Doctrine of Justification**

Definition: **Justification** is an instantaneous legal act of God in which he (1) thinks of our sins as \_\_\_\_\_ and Christ's righteousness as \_\_\_\_\_ to us, and (2) declares us to be righteous \_\_\_\_\_.

**#1. First, He declares that we have \_\_\_\_\_ to pay for sin.**

"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1).

"Who shall bring any charge against God's elect?" (Romans 8:33-34)

**#2. Second, God \_\_\_\_\_ Christ's righteousness to us!**

This is a really important concept: **imputed righteousness**. Christ imputes, He credits us, His righteousness. Christ's righteousness is charged to our account, and we are reckoned as just. Conversely, our sins were charged to **His** account, and He paid for them. That's why Paul says he wants to be:

*...found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith (Philippians 3:9).*

**Imputed righteousness** is very different from "in \_\_\_\_\_ righteousness.

**RC Sproul** - Rome believes in infusion, which is the view that the righteousness of Christ is actually put into the believer, so that the person is actually righteous. The righteousness of Christ is not simply credited to the person's account; it actually becomes the person's possession.

**So, how do we get here, biblically? (Look up verses)**

<b><i>"Simul Justus et Peccator" → "simultaneously just and sinner"</i></b>
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### **The Doctrine of Adoption**

**Adoption by God means he makes us \_\_\_\_\_.**

### **9 Privileges of Adoption into God's Family**

**1. We can relate to God as a good and \_\_\_\_\_.**

"See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God" - 1 John 3:1

**2. He understands us and has \_\_\_\_\_ on us as his children.**

"As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him" - Psalm 103:13.

**3. As his children, He promises to take care of \_\_\_\_\_.**

"For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all" – Matthew 6:32.

**4. He \_\_\_\_\_ our sins.**

"I am writing to you, dear children, because your sins have been forgiven on account of his name" – 1 John 2:12.

**5. He gives us many \_\_\_\_\_, especially the Spirit.**

"If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" - Luke 11:13.

**6. As a loving Father he promises us a great \_\_\_\_\_.**

"So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God" – Galatians 4:7

**7. The Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ us.**

"For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow-heirs

with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him." - Romans 8:14-17.

**8. God \_\_\_\_\_ us as his children.**

"My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." – Hebrews 12:5-6.

**9. We are members of \_\_\_\_\_ with other Christians.**

"For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother." - Matthew 12:50

"Do not rebuke an older man but encourage him as you would a father, younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, in all purity." – 1 Timothy 5:1-2.

**How then can we respond?**

We are to imitate our Father in heaven. This is how we bring honor to our Father in heaven, and it is how we show him our love.

"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children." - Ephesians 5:1

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." - Matthew 5:16

1. Put the Doctrines of Salvation in order by numbering them 1-9.
2. Draw a Line to match the Doctrine with its correct definition.

	<b>Adoption</b>
	<b>Calling (or The Gospel Call)</b>
	<b>Conversion</b>
	<b>Election</b>
	<b>Glorification</b>
	<b>Justification</b>
	<b>Perseverance</b>
	<b>Regeneration</b>
	<b>Sanctification</b>

All those who are justified will be kept by God's power and endure in their faith to the end.
An act of God in which He makes us members of His family.
A progressive, lifelong work of God and man that frees us from sin and makes us more like Christ.
Before creation, because of His sovereign good pleasure, and according to His amazing grace, God chooses individuals to save and redeem for His glory.
An instantaneous legal act of God in which He declares that our sins are forgiven and Christ's righteousness is ours.
God sovereignly imparts spiritual life to those who have been called.
God will remove all trace of sin from the Christian and give him/her a resurrection body.
God summons people to Himself through human proclamation of the Gospel so they respond in saving faith.
We willingly respond to the Gospel call, repenting of sin and placing faith in Christ for salvation.