

Watch Your *Doctrine*

Session 5: Justification by Faith with Pastor Colin Smith

Message Outline

1. Justification
2. Union with Christ
3. The Role and Function of Faith
 - A. We are justified by faith
 - B. We are justified by grace
 - C. We are justified by His blood

Discussion Questions

1. Read Romans 4:1–8. What does it say about justification? Why is justification by faith called a blessing?
2. Why is it good news that justification means "to declare righteous" and not "to make righteous"?
3. How does the doctrine of union with Christ challenge the person who says, "I was saved when I was 12 and I'll live like hell if I want to!"? What benefits does union with Christ give the Christian?
4. What is the difference between justification and sanctification? How are they connected?
5. Pastor Colin said, "faith is like an empty hand open to receive." What does this mean? How does understanding grace transform us?
6. "You are not saved by the strength of your faith but by the strength of your Savior." How does that truth give you hope?