Application Questions

... be doers of the word, and not hearers only... (James 1:22, ESV)

Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; 1 Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- How does God want my beliefs and/or actions to change?
- How can I accomplish this change?
- What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

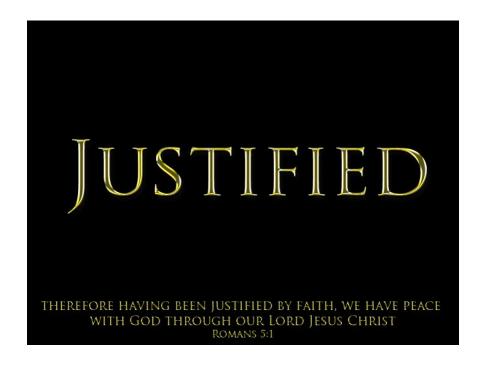
Get *brutally* honest. In what ways to do you underestimate, undervalue, and take for granted your salvation?

One theologian opened their multi-volume *Systematic Theology* with these words: "Theology awakens a grateful heart."

In light of the question and statement above, what changes will you make *this week* to elevate your gratitude for the salvation given you by Christ's death and resurrection?

Here are some resources that might help you as you grow in your knowledge of and obedience to Christ.

Right with God (John Blanchard)
Faith Alone (Tom Schreiner)
Faith Alone (R.C. Sproul)
The Cross of Christ (John Stott)
The God Who Justifies (James White)



THE TRANSFORMING REALITY OF JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH ALONE

ROMANS 5:1-11 (PART 4)

Sermon Notes

Ray Ortlund, Jr.: "Father in heaven, you have thought of everything. Justification, sanctification, glorification—you provide it all in a great outpouring of your mercy. No more tormented uncertainty as to where I stand with you! I enjoy the quiet assurance of your acceptance, for I have been justified through Christ. Your Holy Spirit has been poured into my heart to sanctify me with true holiness of life. And now I relish the thought of my heavenly inheritance—the glory of perfect Christlikeness. Not forever will I shame myself and degrade myself with my sins. Not forever will sin be the whip that keeps me in line. The Holy Spirit has come into my heart as a gift of your love, and he will accomplish your purpose in me. Speed the day, O Lord, when I will stand before you complete, lost in wonder, love and praise. In the holy name of Christ. Amen."