

Series: Free In Christ

Title: Justification Defended: A Sentimental & Allegorical Arguments

Text: (Gal 4:12-31)

Introduction & Recap

Definition: To be pronounced righteous.

The Legal and Judicial Act where God declares the believer righteous in Jesus Christ.

The two aspects of justification:

1. The forgiveness, remission, & removal of the believer's sin
2. The imputation of the Righteousness of Christ.

B. Justification defended:

In Chapter 3 & 4, God inspires Paul to use 6 different Arguments to prove that God save sinners through faith in Christ and not by the works of the law.

As a Lawyer, Paul crafts his Argument in Defense of Salvation of Grace through Faith w/o the world of the Law.

A Personal Argument: (3:1-5)

Paul challenged them to Recall their own personal salvation experience.

A Scriptural Argument: (3:6-14)

Quoting 6 OT passages to prove his point.

A Logical Argument: (3:15-29)

Reasoning on what a Covenant is & how it works.

A Historical Argument: (4:1-11)

Explaining the place of the Law in the history of Israel.

A. He explains their Adoption: (4:1-7)

B. He laments their Regression into Bonfage: (4:8-11)

I. A Sentimental Argument: (4:12-18)

Asking them to remember his love/relationship w/him.

II. An Allegorical Argument: (4:19-31)

Based on the Life of Abraham, Sarah, & Hagar.

A. The Historical Facts: (4:19-23)

B. The Spiritual Truths: (4:24-29)

Law and Grace cannot Co-Exist together.

C. The Practical Blessings: (4:30-31)

1. We Can Try to Change Them:

2. We Can Try to Compromise with Them:

3. We Can Cast Them Out: (Vs 25-27)