

Quotes

Therefore, sanctification is not a human project supplementing the divine project of justification, nor a process of negotiating the causal relations between free will and infused grace, but the impact of God's justifying Word on every aspect of human life.

Michael Horton (Does Justification Still Matter?)

This is what is meant when we insist that justification is forensic. It has to do with a judgment given, declared, pronounced; it is judicial or juridical or forensic. The main point of such terms is to distinguish between the kind of action which justification involves and the kind of action in regeneration. Regeneration is an act of God in us; justification is an act of God with respect to us. The distinction is like that of the distinction between the act of a surgeon and the act of a judge. The surgeon, when he removes an inward cancer, does something in us. That is not what a judge does—he gives a verdict regarding our judicial status. If we are innocent he declares accordingly.

John Murray, Redemption Accomplished and Applied (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1955)

Here we see how to distinguish between justification, regeneration, and renovation. Regeneration is usually in Scripture the change of the inward man, whereby we are born anew. Renovation is the change both of the inward and outward man, that is, both of heart and life. Justification is neither, but a certain action in God applied unto us, or a certain respect or relation whereby we are acquit of our sins and accepted to life everlasting.

William Perkins, The Works of William Perkins, 2.111. Comments on Galatians 2:16.

Deeper

Real Change for Real Sinners

Lesson 3

Embrace

- **The unknowable love of Christ**
- **Unflappable affection**
- **Filled with the Fullness**
- **His Settled Heart, Our Settled Hearts**
- **Experiencing Divine Love**
- **Blockages to Knowing His Love**

Acquittal

Tit 3:5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,

- **Justification**

Tit 3:6 whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, Rom 5:5 and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

- **Sanctification**

Rom 7:12 So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

- **Sanctification by Justification**

- **Justification and Fear**

- **Justification and Idolatry**

- **Three Closing Portraits**