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LESSON 47: JUSTIFICATION

I. **The Need for Justification**

- Romans 1:18-3:20

II. **What is Justification?**

A. “Declared Righteous” (Forensic / Legal / Positional)

1. Old Testament
(Proverbs 17:15, Exodus 23:7, Deuteronomy 25:1)
2. New Testament
(Romans 2:13, Romans 4:5-6, Romans 8:33, 1 Corinthians 4:4, Romans 3:20, Galatians 2:16, Galatians 3:11)

III. **How Does Justification Work?**

- Romans 3:21-26

A. Two Elements

1. Forgiveness of Sin
(Galatians 3:13, Isa. 53)
2. Imputed Righteousness of Christ
(2 Corinthians 5:21, 1 Corinthians 1:30, Philippians 3:8-9, Genesis 15:6, Galatians 3:6)

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B. Received By **Faith**

Faith is only an instrument, the only instrument, through which the imputed righteousness of Christ may be received.

(Ephesians 2:8-9)

“Faith is our act, but not our work; it is an instrument of reception without being a means of merit.”
(Packer, J.I. *Sola Fide: The Reformed Doctrine of Justification*)

IV. **How Do We Respond?**

- Romans 3:27ff

A. We boast only in Christ

B. We praise His glorious grace!