

Developing a New You: I am Justified/Free

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Text: *John 8:34-36; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 5:1*

What Does it Mean to be Justified?

- Justification is _____.

- Justification frees us from the _____.

How Does One Become Justified?

- We cannot _____ God's pardon.

- God's pardon comes only _____.

- God's pardon becomes ours through _____.

How Does Justification Become Part of My Daily Life?

- Pardon motivates a life of _____.

- Pardon is made evident through _____.

Life Enrichment

What about today's teaching challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- When have you seen people attempt to "justify" their bad behavior? How does it come across? What emotions did you have in response to their attempt to self-justify?
- How do you feel about presidential pardons? Why do you feel that way?
- How is it right for God to pardon guilty sinners?
- What are your thoughts as a pardoned sinner? How does it make you feel? How does it change your perspective on other guilty people? How does it change your perspective on God?
- Why is it so important that we cannot earn God's pardon?
- Realizing that Jesus took the penalty of your sin, what emotions do you have? Why?
- How does receiving God's pardon change our way of living? What is the primary motivation for life after being pardoned?
- What is the primary evidence of being pardoned? How do you intend to demonstrate your pardon this week?