

1) What does it mean for you to be made right with God? Why?

2) What is the relationship between believing that we are made right (justification) with God AND doing good works (sanctification)?

3) Share in your OIKOS community a reflection on these 2 quotes:

1) "Grace is not opposed to effort but it is opposed to earning." - Dallas Willard

2) "It is not that we should practice what we preach, but rather that we might preach what we practice." - Barbara Brown Taylor

Readings for this week:

Romans 5:1-11
James 2:14-26
Galatians 3:1-9
Galatians 5:1-15

- 4) Based on the readings for the week:
- a) Romans 5 is the clear example of our understanding of Justification. What does Paul mean when he says “when we were yet sinners, Christ died for our sins?”
 - b) James articulates that a faith without works is a dead faith. If we cannot earn our salvation what did James mean?
 - c) The book of Galatians helps further Paul’s understanding of being made right. Why do you think he argues that no one can be made right (justified) by obeying the Law (think commandments)? You may even revisit the covenant triangle of Father -> Identity -> obedience to help think through this.
 - d) By Christ’s actions we are made Free (Galatians 5). According to Paul (Galatians 5:6) what is the importance of faith? How is it linked to our understanding of justification?

5) Questions regarding the teaching or the readings? Please submit at least 1 question per person, attach their name to each question please. Remember, there are no stupid questions.

6) Practice simul justus et peccator, (Both made right with God and sinner at the same time) How do we respond to the grace we have been given and admit that we are broken people? Write down your responses.