

## **“Justification as a Gift”**

### **Romans 3:24**

#### Introduction

##### What is justification?

- ▶ It is a legal declaration by God (Lk. 7:29; Rom. 8:33-34).
  - ▶ It is a legal declaration that God has forgiven our past sins and that we are treated as righteous in His sight (Rom. 8:1).
  - ▶ It is a legal declaration that God has forgiven our past sins and that we are righteous in His sight because He imputes Christ’s righteousness to us.
- I. We are saved by the payment of Christ’s life in death as a substitute for us as sinners.
- ▶ Redemption – The work of Christ on the cross involved the payment of a price.
- II. We are saved by what Christ has done for us not by what we do for Christ.
- ▶ As a gift justification is without a cause in the sinner.
  - ▶ By His grace – Grace is God’s love in action toward sinners.
- III. We are saved by trusting in Jesus Christ as a living person for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life with God.
- ▶ God justifies us through our faith in Christ.
  - ▶ We are saved by faith alone.
- ▶ Propitiation – The work of Christ to remove us from the wrath of God that we deserved.