

1. Do you like courtroom drama? Why? What are the elements of a trial. Which of these do you see in the drama of justification?
2. Have you ever been accused, tried, or convicted of a crime? What was the process like? Did you try to prove your innocence? How do people attempt to justify their crimes against God?
3. What is the difference between justification and sanctification? Craft a working definition of both. Have you confused the two? Why is confusing the two doctrines a distortion of the gospel?
4. Read the following list of accusations. How does the list attack your pride? Why is it important to fully embrace these as your status before you can be justified by God?
 - You are not right.
 - You have misunderstood God, yourself, and the gospel
 - You are not a seeker of God.
 - You are bent away from God.
 - You are worthless.
 - You are not a good person.
 - Your words are deadly.
 - You love violence.
 - You are miserable.
 - You are anxious, worried, and fearful of everything except God.
 - You are a practical atheist.
5. How does the application of the gospel, include the reality of my former status, motivate growth and spiritual progress after a person is justified?
6. Read Rom. 5:8-10. According to these verses, was there anything lovable in you that caused God to justify you?
7. If your legal status before God has not been changed from unrighteous to righteous your attempts to change your conduct will be futile. When did your legal status before God change? Have you been justified?