

Galatians 2:15-16

Series – Identity Crisis: Claiming Who You Are in Christ

Message – I Am Justified

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- Series Purpose – To help followers of Jesus become aware of, and claim, our identity in Christ.

### Two Sides, One Identity

- Two hands illustration
- There are two sides to us, but in Jesus, we have \_\_\_\_\_ identity.

### Being Justified

- Justified – to be \_\_\_\_\_ righteous by God with respect to his law and to be \_\_\_\_\_ and by God as such
  - It means that our sin has been forgiven because it was \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus.
  - And it means that the perfect righteousness of Christ has been \_\_\_\_\_ to us.
- This idea of \_\_\_\_\_ is the heart of the message of Jesus.
- Two plays on the word *justification*:
  - Justification = “Just as if I \_\_\_\_\_ sinned”
  - Justification = “Just as if I \_\_\_\_\_ obeyed”
- Two Plans:
  - The work-really-hard plan
  - The trust-in-Jesus plan

### Tenses of Salvation

Verb Tense	Past	Present	Future
Biblical Language	"Have been saved"	"Are being saved"	"Will be saved"
Example Texts	Ephesians 2:4-10	1 Cor. 1:18; 2 Cor. 2:15	Romans 5:9
Theological Words	Justification	Sanctification	Glorification
The Words of Jesus	"It is finished" (John 19:30).	"Remain in me, as I also remain in you" (John 15:4).	"I will come back and take you to be with me" (John 14:3).
How To Live	Prov. 3:5	Philippians 2:12	Matthew 24:42
Identity Implication	I am justified.	I am being sanctified.	I am waiting to be glorified.
Link To Communion	Remembrance	Communion	Hope

### Applying Our Identity

- The tenses of salvation help us live in the tenses of past, present, and future tenses of salvation.

### Reflection Questions

1. Was there anything new for you in the definition of justification as both forgiveness and a crediting of Jesus' obedience to you?
2. Look through the "Tenses of Salvation" chart together. What in the chart is helpful to you? What might be helpful to you in talking with others about what it means to trust and follow Jesus?
3. What might God be saying to you?
4. What are you going to do about it?