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 “Chapter 11, Of Justification”
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- Chapter 10: Paragraph 4: The Non-Elect Under the Ministry of the Word
 - This teaches that the non-elect may sit long under the ministry of the gospel, but they will never believe. See Hebrews 6:4-5; Jn 6:44-45, 65.
 - This also addresses those who do not have the gospel. See Acts 4:12; Jn 4:22; 17:3
- Chapter 11: Paragraph 1, A Summary of the Doctrine of Justification
 - Three denials and affirmations.
 - First, “not by infusing righteousness into them but by pardoning their sins and by accounting and accepting their persons as righteous.” Scripture Proof: Rom 4:5-8; Eph 1:7
 - Second, “not for anything wrought in them, or done by them, but for Christ’s sake alone.” Scripture Proof: 1 Cor 1:30, 31; Rom 5:17-19
 - Third, “not by imputing faith itself, the act of believing, or any other evangelical obedience to them as their righteousness; but by imputing Christ’s active obedience unto the whole law, and passive obedience in his death for their whole and sole righteousness.” Scripture Proof: Phil 3:8-9; Eph 2:8-10
 - The imputation of Christ’s active and passive obedience.
 - First, the active obedience of Christ.
 - Second, the passive obedience of Christ.
 - Finally, it says, “they receiving and resting on Him and His righteousness by faith, which faith they have not of themselves; it is the gift of God.” Scripture Proof: Jn 1:12; Rom 5:17
- Paragraph 2, Faith and Justification
 - Faith is the only instrument of justification. Scripture Proof: Rom 3:28

- But this faith is never alone or lonely. True faith is always accompanied by the other graces of the Holy Spirit. Scripture Proof: Gal 5:6; Jas 2:17, 22, 26
- Paragraph 3, The Basis of Justification, The Work of Christ
 - Christ's obedience is represented as one. But His obedience is twofold.
 - First, He "did fully discharge the debt of all those who are justified." What debt?
 - Secondly, Christ endured the punishment. On the other hand, Christ's satisfaction takes the punishment that is due to sinners.
 - Scripture Proof: Heb 10:14; 1 Pet 1:18-19; Isa 53:5-6
 - Next, we see the role of the Father. Scripture Proof: Rom 8:32; 2 Cor 5:21
 - Now notice that, justification is of free grace *and* justice. Scripture Proof: Rom 3:26; Eph 1:6,7
- READ Paragraph 4, Justification, Eternity, and Time
 - This is the eternal covenant of redemption, the historical act of salvation, and the order of salvation.
 - God did from all eternity decree to justify all the elect (covenant of redemption). Gal 3:8; 1 Pet 1:2; 1 Tim 2:6
 - And Christ did in the fulness of time die for their sins and rise again for their justification (order of salvation) Rom 4:25
 - Nevertheless, they are not justified personally, until the Holy Spirit does in due time actually apply Christ to them (order of salvation). Col 1:21, 22; Titus 3:4-7
 - The false doctrine of "justification from eternity."
- Paragraph 5, The Ongoing Fruit of Justification
 - What do we find here?
 - God does continue to forgive the sins of those who are justified. Mat 6:12; 1 Jn 1:7, 9
 - A true believer cannot lose his or her salvation. Jn 10:28
 - But God may be displeased with us. When we sin, there are consequences. And one of the consequences is that we lose the sense of God's filial pleasure toward us. Ps 89:31-22

- And God allows us to feel that way to restore us to himself. Ps 32:5; Ps 51; Matt 26:75
- Paragraph 6, The Justification of Old Testament Believers. Scripture Proof: Gal 3:9; Rom 4:22-24