

LBAC's Family Calendar & Events

Sunday, November 10

- 9:00AM Morning Coffee
- 9:30AM Worship & Celebration
- 11:15AM Christmas Musical Practice
- 11:15AM Foundations Class: Session 2, Week 1
- 12:30PM Deaconess Meeting
- 6:00PM Youth Leaders' Meeting

MISSIONS

<http://www.lbac.org/missions>

GROWTH GROUPS

<http://www.lbac.org/gg>

Mid-week Adult Bible Studies

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

<http://www.lbac.org/children>

Monday, November 11

- 6:00PM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous
- 7:00PM Pure Desire
- 7:00PM Survivors of Incest Anonymous

Sunday Mornings: Gospel Project @ 9:30AM
Christmas Musical Practice @ 11:15AM

AWANA

<http://www.lbac.org/awana>

Wednesday Nights September through May

YOUTH MINISTRIES

<http://www.lbac.org/youth>

Tuesday, November 12

- 7:00PM Governing Board Meeting
- 7:00PM The Process- High School

Wednesday, November 13

- 6:30PM AWANA

The Process High School~ Tuesdays @ 7:00PM
Junior High Live ~ Thursdays @ 7:00PM

Thursday, November 14

- 7:00PM Junior High Live

Friday, November 15

- 6:30AM Men's Bible Study on Campus
- 8:00PM Narcotics Anonymous

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

<http://www.lbac.org/women>

Women's Ministry Event Information
Contact: deya@charter.net

Saturday, November 16

- 9:00AM Compulsive Eaters Anonymous
- 10:00AM Women Connect for...Event

Lydia House Meals Ministry
Contact: mcoliver789@msn.com

Women Connecting with Missions
3rd Tuesday of each month @ 7:00PM

Sunday, November 17

- 9:00AM Morning Coffee
- 9:30AM Worship & Celebration
- 11:15AM Christmas Musical Practice
- 11:15AM Foundations Class: Session 2, Week 2
- 12:15PM Deacon Meeting

Crafty Women
2nd Saturday of each month @ 10:00AM

MEN'S MINISTRIES

<http://www.lbac.org/men>

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THE
ALLIANCE

Regular Ministry Schedule & Contacts

GOSPEL GLADIATORS

WELCOME TO LONG BEACH ALLIANCE CHURCH
NOVEMBER X, MMXIX



**PURE DESIRE
MINISTRIES**

Starting in January 2020
Monday nights at LBAC
7pm-9pm

Finding hope and healing from the pain of compulsive negative sexual behavior, betrayal, and shame.

Contact Sam Eberhart for more information (925) 285-1295

WOMEN'S MINISTRY GATHERINGS INVITES YOU TO CONNECT FOR . . .

Session 2: Authentic Relationships

Please join us for our next speaker lead discussion exploring
how we can "know and be known, love and be loved".

Saturday, November 16
10:00AM - 11:30AM

All-Church Work Day

Saturday, November 30
8:00AM-1:00PM

Sign up in the Courtyard to help!

breakfast (donuts/fruit) & lunch (sandwiches/salad) will be provided

NEW FOUNDATIONS CLASSES BEGIN NOVEMBER 10

The Minors

See how God uses the minor prophets to teach about
Himself as they attempt to lead God's people into
deeper relationships with Him.

Pastor Jesse Duckett, Room 202

Can You Relate?

Looking at God's design and purpose for relationships & the
extremely important role they play in displaying the gospel.

Pastor Scott & Dawn Trickett, Room 102

Christian Basics

The foundational basics of the Bible and
our LBAC Family!

Pastor Chris Lankford, Room 203

Christmas Musical Practice

Kindergarten-Grade 8 Check-In @ Sanctuary
Nursery for kids ages 0-4 Check-in @ Nursery

LBAC Year-to-Date Financial Report

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Budget %</u>
Weekly:	\$12,715.40	\$12,110.00	95.2%
Month-to-Date:	\$12,715.40	\$12,110.00	95.2%
Year-to-Date:	\$127,154.00	\$125,725.03	98.9%
Disbursed YTD:	\$111,582.00	GF Balance: \$14,143.03	

Gospel Gladiators

“The Implications of Justification”

Long Beach Alliance Church • November 10, 2019 • Romans 3:27-31 • Vincent Nwankpa

Introduction

Justification is a legal act on God's part to impute the righteousness of Jesus Christ to us once we have accepted His sacrifice on our behalf. We can say that Justification puts us into “alignment” with God. We can also say that Justification is God seeing us as, “just as if we have not sinned”. “For by grace we have been saved... not of ourselves. Therefore, none of us should boast.” (Ephesians 2:8)

I. All Boasting is Excluded (Romans 3: 27-28)

Paul is saying that Justification is by grace alone, faith alone, in Christ alone lest any believer claim to be better than the others. It is a free gift through the grace of God so that everyone ought to remove pride in himself or herself for attaining it through their self-effort.

The question is, where then is the boasting? (Romans 3:27a; See also Philippians 2:5-11)

The Answer: Romans 3:27a

All boasting is excluded- It is closing the door on any boasting about our part in salvation (Romans 3:23; 6:23).

II. The Explanation (Romans 3:27b-28)

By what kind of law? Of works? (Romans 3:27) The law in verse 27 is not referring to Mosaic law, but rather to a governing principle. The “law of faith” is talking about the principle by which God operates in saving sinners. It is through the substitutionary death of Christ that we are all saved (Isaiah 64:6; Ephesians 2:8-9).

Salvation is “by faith alone” (verse 28) “Sola Fide” (Romans 1:16-17; Galatians 3:11; 1 Corinthians 4:7; John 3:27; 1 Peter 5:5).

III. All Distinctions are Removed (Romans 3:29-30)

A. The Question (Romans 3:29a)

Paul begins with a question, “Or is God the God of Jews only?”

B. The Answer (Romans 3:29b)

Paul answered his question with another question, “Is He the God of Gentiles also?” That means that God is justifying the Gentiles in the same way He is justifying the Jews in matters of salvation-by faith alone.

C. Hoarding the Gospel for oneself (Jonah 1:1-2) God's plan is that the Gospel gets to both Jew & Gentile.

D. The Explanation (Romans 3:30)

Paul explains that, "Since indeed God will justify the circumcised by faith." (verse 30) A Jew is justified by faith alone, in the same vain, the uncircumcised-the Gentile will also be justified by faith. (Deuteronomy 6:4; John 10:30; 1 Timothy 2:5)

E. One Body of Christ

All distinctions are removed, Jew and Gentile are one in Christ (Ephesians 2:10-16).

IV. The Law is Established (Romans 3:31)

The third implication of justification by faith is that it affirms the law as found in verse 31.

A. The Question Romans 3:31a

"Do we then nullify the law by this faith," Paul asked. (Romans 3:31a)

B. The Answer (Romans 3:31b)

"Nullify" means to make of no effect, to cause to cease. Paul answers, "May it never be." (Me genoito)

C. The Explanation (Romans 3:31c)

Justification does not nullify the proper use of the moral law.

We establish the law (Romans 3:31). Establish or uphold *Histemi* in Greek means to cause something or someone to stand.

The law is used in four different ways in Romans 3.

- i. The law refers to the entire Old Testament (verse 19)
- ii. The law refers to the first five books of the Old Testament (verse 21)
- iii. The law is used as the operating principle (verses 27-28)
- iv. The law is used to refer to the moral law (verses 20, 27, 28, and 31)

The implication of justification by faith is that we are still obligated to obey the moral commands of God. Justification does not mean that we can live any how we want. (Romans 7:12 & 14).

Conclusion: The three implications that Paul taught about justification by faith are: (a) we are justified by faith alone and it should produce humility within us. (b) This doctrine leaves no room for boasting (c) It should remove all barriers and all distinctions, because we are all justified in the same way and brought into the kingdom by the same Savior.

GROWTH GROUP GUIDE

Gospel Gladiators:

Sola Fide

Week 10 • Romans 3:27-31

Ice Breaker

Think of someone you know or know with great faith. What did you admire about their faith? How did that faith affect their life?

In-Depth

- Read Romans 3:27-31
- Discuss what you learned from this week's sermon

1. Not by works

- A. Romans 3:28. Also read Galatians 2:16. What does "justified by faith apart from works of the law" mean?
- B. Read Ephesians 2:8-9; Galatians 3:10-12; Titus 3:4-5; James 2:10-11. Why is it nearly universal for man to think they can earn God's favor through good works? What does God think of this?
- C. Romans 3:27. Also read 1 Corinthians 1:29-31; Ephesians 2:8. Why is boasting "excluded"? What is God seeking instead?
- D. Read James 2:14-17. James says faith without works cannot save. What does he mean?

2. Sola Fide (By Faith Alone)

- A. Romans 3:30. Justification is “by faith.” What does this mean? Is faith a good work?
- B. Read 1 Corinthians 2:5; Galatians 2:20; Proverbs 3:5-6; Hebrews 11:1. Not all faith is a saving faith. How would you describe the kind of faith that saves?

Making It Relevant

1. Which of these are good evidence of a saving faith and which are not? Why?
 - A. Repentance from sin
 - B. Love of God
 - C. Active in church ministry
 - D. Lives a moral life
 - E. Active prayer life
 - F. Answered an altar call
 - G. Live in obedience to Christ