

# THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE “SIMPLE GOSPEL”

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<b>JUSTIFICATION: Enough happens in justification</b>	
<b>Sinner’s Problems Answered by Justification Alone</b>	The sinner’s basic problem is unrighteousness: not being in right relationship with God. Justification solves this problem through the imputation of Christ’s righteousness to the believer.
<b>ONE CONVERSION</b>	
<b>1) No Steps or Stages Presented as the Means of Salvation</b>	One “conversion” is enough to have “full salvation.” The first “conversion” begins with justification through which come initial sanctification and Spirit-baptism.
<b>2) One Continuous Act of Faith Necessary to be a “Simple Gospel” Christian</b>	The single, on-going operation of faith is sufficient for conversion, justification, and sanctification to occur.
<b>3) One Conversion: from sinner to Christian</b>	One “conversion” is enough to have “full salvation.” The first “conversion” begins with justification through which come sanctification and the fullness of the Spirit.
<b>4) Justification Working Out in Sanctification is the Higher or Deeper Work</b>	Justification is the deepest or highest work of God, in this Age, because through it the believer is saved and continues to grow in sanctification.
<b>5) Means of Grace <i>not included</i> in the Gospel</b>	Neither water baptism, nor Lord’s Supper are included in the Gospel because they are means of grace, but they are not the Gospel proper. The Gospel is what Christ did to save us and not what we can do.
<b>WHOLE CHRISTIAN LIFE</b>	
<b>1) All Blessing, Victory and Power Come Through Faith in Christ</b>	Christ has obtained all the blessing, victory and power. Justification provides all the blessings of the “now” and the promise of the “not yet” when Christ returns.
<b>2) Progressive Work of the Spirit is the Result of Justification by Faith</b>	The believer’s growth in the Spirit is obtained by the continuous work of the Lord, who is the Spirit, through justifying faith.
<b>3) Fullness of Salvation</b>	Believers are given the fulness of salvation or the Spirit through the continuous work of justification.
<b>WHOLE FAITH</b>	
<b>1) All Faith Directed to Jesus Christ</b>	Justification by faith is enough because it is focused on Christ through whom the Spirit works in the believer’s life.
<b>2) Total Faith in Christ Alone</b>	All trust in Christ unto justification brings “full salvation.” This same faith in justification obtains the work of sanctification and Spirit fullness.
<b>3) One Focus of Faith</b>	There are not two distinct foci of faith. One continuous faith in Jesus is necessary to receive both justification and sanctification, which includes Spirit fullness.
<b>4) Faith Must Be Placed Completely in Christ Alone</b>	The Gospel is understood as what God has done for us <i>in Christ</i> , and not what God does <i>in the Christian</i> to make him holy or spiritual. Holiness and spirituality come from a faith preoccupied with Christ and not with one’s spiritual status.
<b>ONE CHURCH</b>	
<b>1) Christians Completed Through Justification</b>	Those who claim Christ as their Savior have all the privileges of Spirit fullness through continuous justification. These are acceptable as members of the Body of Christ.
<b>2) One “Class” of Christians</b>	Christianity is classless. All who believe in Christ are equally a part of the Body of Christ. They do not need a subsequent or second “conversion,” blessing, filling, or experience apart from justifying faith to be members of Christ’s Church.
<b>3) Levels of Heaven Do Not Exist</b>	There is one class of Christians - justified believers who are complete in Christ. Schemes of differing levels of heaven to accommodate “classes” of Christians are not valid. <i>One</i> Savior will return for <i>one</i> Church to receive them into <i>one</i> Heaven.