



**John Stott:** “For the essence of sin is man substituting himself for God, the essence of salvation is God substituting himself for man. Man asserts himself against God and puts himself where only God deserves to be; God sacrifices himself for man and puts himself where only man deserves to be.”

“The real reason why the doctrine of justification by grace alone through faith alone is unpopular is that it is grievously wounding to our pride.”

**Martin Luther:** “Every morning get up and say, ‘Lord Jesus, you put on yourself what was mine and you put on me what was yours. You became what you were not, that I could become what I was not. You became my sin; I have become your righteousness. You became a sinner in my place so I now am loved and the righteousness of God in you.’”

**Of Justification:** It pleased God, in his eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only begotten son, to be Mediator between God and man the prophet, priest, and king; the head and Savior of the Church, the heir of all things, and judge of the world; unto whom he did, from eternity, give a people to be his seed, and to be by him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified and glorified.

**Of Adoption:** All those that are justified, God vouchsafeth, in and for his only Son Jesus Christ, to make partakers of the grace of of adoption: by which they are taken into the number and enjoy the liberties and privileges of the children of God; have his name put upon them; receive the Spirit of adoption; have access to the throne of grace with boldness; and enabled to cry, Abba, Father; are pitied, protected, provided for, and chastened by him as by a father; yet never cast off, but sealed to the day of redemption, and inherit the promises as heirs of everlasting salvation.

**Of Sanctification:** They who are effectually called and regenerated, having a new heart and a new spirit created in them, are further sanctified, really and personally, through the virtue of Christ's death and resurrection, by his Word and Spirit dwelling in them; the dominion of the whole body of sin is destroyed, and the several lusts thereof are more and more weakened and mortified; and they more and more quickened strengthened in all saving graces, to the practice of true holiness, without it no man shall see the Lord.

**Benefits** of that flow from are: assurance of God's love, peace, of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

Westminster Confessions Chapters 8, 14 and 15 and question 36 Shorter Catechism

**Tim Keller:** “So until you see you’re a sinner, Christ’s love is not demonstrable. In fact, to the degree you see you were a sinner, to that degree, Christ’s love is demonstrable. The greater you see the nature of your sin, the more transformed you are when you actually get ahold of the cross, which means the more galvanized you are by the love of God, the more transformed you are by the love of God, it’s always based on the depth of your grasp of your own sin.”

- Meeting of Justice and Love (parent-spoiled child, or too strict)
- Atonement—Making one—process of bringing those estranged into unity—it is the lifting off and carrying away of sins
- Redemption—Payment/purchase for sake of restoration
- Justification/Reconciliation—Verdict of the law court—positive bestowal of a righteous status, not overlooking or doing away / restoration of relationship—the Father welcomes the prodigal home
- Sanctification—Process by which justified Christians are changed into the likeness of Christ—what he has declared righteous he now makes through the Holy Spirit
- Adoption—Makes partakers of grace enjoying all the liberties, privileges of children—including access to the throne of grace, protected, provided for, chastened, never cast off.
- Propitiation—Settling debt/wrath of God/Expiation—Secure Pardon—emphasis propitiation—overlook the seriousness of sin—to much expiation—ignore the importance of God’s wrath
- Freedom—Begin again—start over-new clothes—with power Holy Spirit
- Righteousness—passed inspection
- Jubilee—All restored, rest

## Sacrifice

- Unblemished—necessity of perfection
- Costly
- Required Death—penalty of sin is death

## Cross

- Reveals God's love
- Sacrificial—Jesus gave us life-not taken from Him
- Representative/Substitute

## Tim Keller

- You cannot deal with sin yourself
- There is no way to avoid sin—only resolved—you can't back out of sin; you have to go through sin
- You have to realize that in the resurrection you have new clothes

# Joseph

## Marks of man whose heart has been changed by Grace

- To leave all the righting of wrongs to God—**he avoids God's chair**
- To see God's hand in man's malice—**he takes God's view**
- To respond to mistreatment not just with forgiveness but practical affection—**he images God's love**

Derek Kidner as quoted by Tim Keller

- What does it mean to forgive:
  - Forgiveness is identifying with the wrongdoer
  - Inwardly paying the debt of the wrongdoer
  - Seeking good for the wrongdoer

Tim Keller



Only if we forgive—can we be forgiven:

- We are called to pray on behalf of the whole world
- Sins of omission—neglected debt—we have failed to love as Jesus loved
- and commission—these are easy to see—need daily confession to really forgive
- We are called to be a cell of kingdom people where having received forgiveness we practice it—practice jubilee

## Confession

- Acknowledge responsibility—vs. explaining it away
- Share pain
- Gamble of Grace
- Not forgetting but a new beginning

Lewis Smedes

- Sin-rebellion against God, seeking to be god (total we owe God total, tireless loyalty—zealous love
  - law breaking
  - deviation
  - shortcoming
  - rebellion
  - missing the target
  - pollution-dirt