



## Sermon Notes: 500 Years Later

The central issue of The Protestant Reformation was justification by faith alone.

1. What Luther thought about justification.

2. What the Church taught about justification.

3. What Luther discovered about justification in the Gospel.

a. Justification comes through the imputation of Christ's righteousness.

b. Justification is a change of status.

### GOSPEL APPLICATIONS:

1. Spend time and effort in the Word of God.

2. See that because of Jesus God is for you.

3. Stop trying to prove and justify yourself.

4. Share this hope with others.



## Application Questions: 500 Years Later

1. What did you know about Martin Luther and The Reformation prior to this message? What stood out to you in the brief synopsis you heard?
2. List "The 5 Solas" of The Reformation. What does each of them mean? What's one thing you would expect to see in someone's life if they actually believed (and practiced) these?
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3. Referring to the list of "5 Solas," which of these seems most *misunderstood* by the contemporary Church? Which is most *absent* from the contemporary Church? How would things look different if we recovered the heart this "sola"?
4. What does it mean to be justified by faith? What's the difference between having righteousness *imputed* to you (Protestant view) vs. gradually *imparted* to you (Catholic view)?
5. What are some implications of justification for how you view yourself? For how you view and treat other believers?
6. Referring to #5, why is it difficult for you to consistently think of yourself this way? What prevents you from seeing other believers this way?
7. What are some ways you observe people trying to prove/justify/defend themselves? What's the most common way you do this? How, practically, will believing in the heart of The Reformation change you?