

Catholic vs Protestant: What Difference Does It Make?

Class 3: How do sinners get right with a holy God?

WSC. Q 33: What is justification?

A: Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein He pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in His sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by grace alone.

WSC. Q 35: What is sanctification?

A: Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

A. The Differences

1. Differ on how we are made right with God
2. Differ on what God does in granting grace
3. Differ on the means by which we receive grace
4. Differ on what allows us to remain right with God

B. The Consequences of Insufficient Grace

1. The believer must add to the work of Christ
2. A system of works must develop to complete salvation
 - a. Penance
 - b. Works of satisfaction
 - c. Treasury of merit
 - d. Indulgences
 - e. Purgatory

C. There can be only ONE Gospel

1. We are either declared right with God for the sake of Christ
2. **OR** we are declared right with God for the sake of being right