



*“So if there is any encouragement in Christ. . .”*

WCF, Chapter XI—on Justification

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*The truth of the Gospel is the principal article of all Christian doctrine. . . . Most necessary is it that we know this article well, teach it to others, and beat it into their heads continually.*

–Martin Luther (1483-1546)

**Intro:**

Encouragement  $\leftrightarrow$  Justification

**The nature of justification (sec. 1)**

Who are the justified?

What are they who are justified?

Why are they justified who are justified?

**Faith’s relationship to works in Justification (sec. 2)**

**The basis of justification (sec. 3)**

**Justification with respect to:**

Time (sec. 4)

Sin (sec. 5)

God’s redemptive plan (sec. 6)

**Discussion:**

Why then should we be encouraged by His justification of us?