

**Sermon Notes, Sunday Morning, February 14, 2010**  
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**The Basis For All True Christian Beliefs**  
*Words That Justify Our Faith*  
(Romans 3:21-25a)

I. The Definition of Gospel Words (1Cor 2:13; Psa 12:6, 119:130)

A. Righteousness (v. 21a; Ecc 7:20; Isa 45:8, 51:8, 64:6; Psa 119:142)

1. Its Origination (v. 21a; Ecc 7:20; Isa 64:6; Isa 45:8)

2. Its Duration (Isa 51:8; Psa 119:142)

B. Faith (v. 22; Heb 11:1, 6; Jam 2:16)

C. Justified (v. 24a; Rom 5:1; Titus 3:7)

1. Justification occurs Instantly when God Declares a Believer to Be Righteous! Indicates Position! (Eph 1:4)

2. Sanctification occurs over a Period of Time in which God Transforms a “justified” believer to Behave as Righteous! Indicates Process! (2Cor 3:18)

D. Grace (v. 24b; Eph 2:8-9; Rom 11:5-6)

E. Redemption (v. 24c; 1Pet 1:18)

F. Atonement (v. 25a; Rom 6:23; Lev 17:11)

II. The Declaration of Gospel Words (vv. 21-25a; Col 2:13)

III. The Danger of Gospel Words

A. They will Condemn you if you Don't Believe  
(Jn 8:47; Mk 8:38; Jn 12:48)

B. They will Change you if you Do Believe  
(Jn 6:63; 1Pet 1:23; Jn 5:24)