# "PETER, WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR JUSTIFICATION?"

## GALATIANS 2:15-16

1. **THE BACKGROUND TO JUSTIFICATION**
   1. There Has Never In The History Of The World Since The Fall, Been A Human Being Who Has Been Just Before God
   2. Yet It Is Possible For Any Man To Be *Legally* Righteous In The Presence Of God
      1. There Is A Huge Difference Between Being *Legally* Righteous As Opposed To Being *Personally* Righteous
      2. Legal Justification Is The Declaration Of A Verdict
2. **PAUL INSISTS THAT BOTH HE AND PETER BOTH AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD GOD'S VERDICT IN JUSTIFICATION (2:15-16)**
   1. "Peter, You Know That Despite Our Obvious Privileged Position As Natural Born Jews Who Had Every Advantage, We Were Still Lacking" (2:15)
   2. "Peter, You Know That Obeying The Law Was Never The Means Of Coming Into A Condition Whereby We Are Declared Righteous" (2:16)

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# “THE 1996 CHRISTIAN BOOKSELLERS CONVENTION”

## SURVEY

# One Hundred Evangelical Pastors, Publishers & Authors Were Randomly Selected To Answer The Following Survey With One Of The Following Three Answers: Agree; Disagree; or Undecided.

# STATEMENT #1

**God Cares About The Direction Of The Heart, Not The Content Of One's Theology.**

# Agree: 75%

# Disagree: 25%

**STATEMENT #2**

**Even A Person's Good Works Are Sinful & Repugnant To God.**

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**Agree: 48%**

**Disagree: 44%**

**Undecided: 8%**

**STATEMENT #3**

**Salvation Is For Those Who Do Absolutely Nothing To Help Save Themselves Except Trust In God To Justify Wicked People**

# Agree: 42%

# Disagree: 44%

# Undecided: 14%

**STATEMENT #4**

**Justification Is The Process By Which I Am Made Holy By God's Spirit**

**Agree: 71%**

**Disagree: 29%**

**All 100 survey takers were then asked to explain "Justification" in their own words. Only 7 got it right!!!!**