



## Sabbath School Ministry

Sabbath School Department Inter-European Division

*Outline with ideas for group discussion largely taken from the Teachers' Edition of the Sabbath School Lesson prepared by the General Conference SS ministry.*

Lesson no.: 04                      15 – 21 July 2017

Title:                                      Justification by Faith Alone

Key texts:                              *Galations 2:15-20; Ephesians 2:12; Philippians 3:9; Romans 3:8-20; Genesis 15:5-6.*

### A. Themes to Explore:

1. "Salvation comes from the Lord," shouted Jonah from the depths of the sea. Grace comes only from Him, our part is to have faith!
2. Galations 2:15-21 summarizes the principle effects of grace: forgiveness, justification, new life and faith in and of Christ.
3. "Sola fide" (only faith): (1) to stand in the presence of God; (2) to trust in His forgiveness; (3) to live in Him and He in us for a new life.

### B. Learning Objectives\*

- Know:** Understand that it is *not* possible to become righteous by working hard, denying ourselves and scrupulously obeying.
- Feel:** Experience rest and peace by abandoning one's own 'works' and practicing dependence solely on Jesus.
- Do:** Make Galations 2:20 "our spiritual exercise" - to identify with the death, resurrection and life of Jesus Christ.

### C. Other possible questions for deeper study, debate, sharing and testimony\*\*

1. *Why is this lesson important to me? (Motivate);*
  - 1a. Why can we obtain, celebrate and rejoice in justification and salvation only by faith?
  - 1b. Why is it impossible to become righteous by hard work, self-denial or 'works of the law'?
2. *What else is there still to learn from God's Word? (Explore);*
  - 2a. What is the difference between *obedience produced by the law* and the *obedience of faith*?
3. *How can I practice what I've learned from God's Word? (Apply);*
  - 3a. How did you build your faith at the beginning of your experience with God? How do you continue to build it everyday with your God?
4. *How can I communicate and apply what I've learned from God's Word? (Create).*
  - 4a. How can we help others to arrive at *obedience by faith*, to die to themselves and live in Christ?

### NOTES:

- \* Copied from the Teachers Edition that adopts active, functional and sharing principles (Know, Feel, Do).  
\*\* To compare and use together with the final questions found in the lesson study every Friday.  
\*\*\* The questions in red are drawn from the Teachers Edition.