**Psalters**: 398:2,3 - 241:1,2,3 - 83:1 - 308:1,3 - 422:5,6

**Scripture**: Titus 3:1-7

**JUSTIFICATION IN JESUS CHRIST**

1. **What justification is**
* Justification is a being *declared* just (Rom. 8:33).
* Justification concerns someone’s *state*.
* Christ’s merits are imputed to the sinner’s account.
* God receives His honour and the sinner receives salvation (Ps. 32:1-2; Rom. 4:6-8; Rom. 3:24).

1. **What justification works out in the heart of God’s children**
* Faith itself is not the ground of salvation (BCoF 22).
	+ But we are to examine whether we are in the faith (2 Cor. 13:5).
* Five activities of that true faith are mentioned:
	+ holding fast this foundation;
	+ ascribing all the glory to God;
	+ humbling ourselves before Him;
	+ acknowledging ourselves to be such as we are;
	+ not presuming to trust in ourselves or our merits, but relying and resting on Christ crucified alone (Isa. 64:6; Eph. 2:8-9; Rom. 3:27).
* By application of Holy Spirit this gives rest in the soul, because:
	+ Covers their iniquities;
	+ Gives confidence in approaching to God (Heb. 4:16);
	+ Frees the conscience from fear, terror and dread.
1. **What the lack of this justification means**
* Solemn warning against being self-helpers.