

**The Limitations of Good Works**

**Galatians 2:15-16**

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Most people who grew up under the law of Moses were of the mindset that their best chance of justification was to keep the law. In what ways was that a false assumption? (see Luke 10)

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Paul declares in verse 16 in absolutely clear terms...

“We KNOW that a person is \_\_\_\_\_ by the works of the law...”

Justification: Being \_\_\_\_\_ righteous,  
being \_\_\_\_\_ from your legal debt.

Our need for justification comes from our \_\_\_\_\_...

- All human beings are descendants of the first man, Adam. Because he was the first, he acted as a representative, as a ‘federal head’ over all the humans who would descend from him. We are by our nature sinners like the first man was.

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- We prove our sin nature by our actions. Without fail, every man except Jesus has proven that we come from Adam by choosing the same rebellion that he chose in the garden. We have all sinned and fallen short of God’s glory and are therefore guilty before God until we are justified.

Without Justification we will remain at \_\_\_\_\_ with God, but that justification cannot come by keeping the law. Here are three reasons why:

- 1. The more we are exposed to the law, the more we see we fall \_\_\_\_\_ of it.** (see Romans 1:18-20, 32, 1 John 1:8)

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**2. The standard of perfection is so overwhelmingly \_\_\_\_\_ than we let ourselves understand**

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**3. Man making a mistake and then working his own way out of it is not the \_\_\_\_\_ God intends to tell**

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Verse 16 doesn’t stop at the negative, it continues to the \_\_\_\_\_:

Real justification only comes through faith in Jesus Christ. When we abandon the idea that we might somehow earn our righteousness and instead trust that the righteousness of God’s Son is enough, we can be justified before the Lord.