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us  
 He makes us righteous. He gives/the quality and the ability to live a  
 holy life. The protes<sup>tant</sup> says, "No, the word "justify" does not mean "make  
 righteous" at all. It means--what does it mean, Mr.---? The word "to justify"?  
 What does it mean in modern English when used by anyone except a printer?  
 Mr. --- what does it mean? (Student) Not to recognize. To acknowledge. To  
 declare it. To cause others to recognize it. Yes. It doesn't mean that  
 he recognizes it but that he causes others to recognize it. Yes. Yes. A  
 man will justify himself, but that doesn't mean that he makes himself just.  
 It means that he gives other people evidence that he is just. He gives  
 excuses. He gives reasons.why they must consider that he is just, and our  
 protestant doctrine is that justification is not making righteous. We call  
 that sanctification, but that justification is causing us to be recognized  
 as righteous, or declaring us to be righteous, and we say that is the meaning  
 of the Greek word used in the New Testament and we can find evidence in the  
 New Testament and in other writings to show that that is the meaning of the  
 Greek word and it is also the meaning of the in the  
 Old Testament. It is frequently used of God, that God justifies Himself, or  
 someone justifies God, not meaning that one makes God righteous, but that one  
 shows to the world the fact that God is righteous, that one makes people see  
 the righteousness of God and so "justify" means "to make it appear righteous"  
 and probably even in printer's usage that is the real meaning, although super-  
 ficially one would think differently, because the word "justify" is used by  
 a printer when he takes different lines in a column and he straightens them  
 out so they are all even at beginning and end. They call that justifying  
 the column , justifying the line or the page. You have these various lines,  
 each of which is a long strip of lead which has been made on the linotype and  
 you put these down one below the other in the column and then if you print it  
 from that one would begin a little back of the other and one a little ahead  
 and they wouldn't be exactly even and they make them absolutely even and that  
 is the printer's work of justifying a column. Well, superficially, one