

**Series: The Doctrine of Salvation**

**Title: Justification: (1/17/18)**

**A. Definition:** *To be pronounced righteous.  
The Legal and Judicial Act where God declares the  
believer righteous in Jesus Christ.*

*Not Just the removal of the believers guilt, but the  
imputation of Christ's Righteousness in it's place.*

*The believer is not righteous in himself, but only in  
Christ*

**B. The two aspects of justification:**

1. The forgiveness, remission, & removal of the  
believer's sin.
2. The imputation of the Righteousness of Christ.

Man generally thinks of Salvation as forgiven/pardon.

When God looks on a believer, He doesn't see  
someone who is still a sinner & just forgiven, or  
someone who is just delivered from the guilt of sin.

God sees that we are completely justified with the  
Righteousness of His son Jesus Christ.

(Rom 3:22-26) Faith is only as good as its object.  
All men trust something, if only themselves.  
The Christian trusts Christ.

(Rom 3:23) All men need to be saved, no difference.  
(Rom 3:24) All men are declared guilty that he might  
offer to all men his free gift of salvation.  
We are justified by faith in Jesus Christ without the  
deeds of the Law.

(Rom 3:25)  
Propitiation: The satisfying of God holiness.  
Redemption: Buying Back a Slave  
Blood: The Price of Justification

(Rom 3:30) One God that will Justify Jew & Gentile  
“*By Faith and Through Faith.*”

***The Jew looks to (Lev 16) The Day of Atonement***  
(Rom 10:3-4) (2 Cor 5:21) (Col 1:22-23) (2 Pet 1:4)  
(2 Cor 5:17)

**C. The method of justification:**

God imputed Christ's Righteousness to the believer at  
the moment he believes.

(Acts 13:38-39)  
Justification is the act of God, whereby He declares  
the believing sinner righteous in Jesus Christ.

Apart from any works of the Law, is only obtained by  
faith in the shed blood of Christ.

(Rom 1:16-17)  
(Rom 4:5) God Justifies the ungodly.

The Benefits of Justification seen in... (Rom 5:1-9)  
(Vs 1) ***Peace with God*** - (Is 48:22; Is 32:17; Ps 85:10)

God declares us Righteous.

***Thus, God has dealt with our Past.***

(Vs 2) ***Access to God***

- The gentile was kept out to the temple by a wall.

The Jew was separated from God by a veil.

The child of God now has access through Christ.

***Thus, God has dealt with our Present.***

(Vs 2) ***Glorious Hope*** -

In Christ, we can rejoice in His righteousness & Glory

(Rom 8:18-30)

***Thus, God has dealt with our Future.***

(Vs 3-4) ***Christian Character***

- No escape from the trials of life, but to a believer,  
trials work together for our best interest, not against.

Trials bring us closer to the Lord

Trials make us more like Him.

(Vs 5-8) ***God's Love Within*** - (Prov 13:12)

The Love of God is poured out in our hearts as we

Realize & Rejoice in our Justification

***Salvation from Future Wrath.***

There is a wrath to come that no believer will  
experience. (1 Thes 1:10)

***Righteousness only comes through the person of Christ.***

(Rom 10:4) Christ is the end of the Law.

(1 Cor 6:11) "*Justified*" by the name of Jesus.

(1 Cor 6:9-10) Paul mentions some of the sins  
they were guilty of in the past, but he speaks of

Justification as a completed transaction.

(Gal 2:16) Not justified by works of the Law, but by  
the faith in Jesus.

***Justification is a Act of God upon you, not a process  
you do through works.***

***No one christian is more justified than another.***

In Justification, God declares the repentant sinner as  
righteous.

***Justification is not simply forgiveness or pardon.***

If we were Forgiven only, We could go back out &  
sin, and be declared sinful again.

If we were Pardoned only, We are forgiven, but still  
we would have a record that stands against Us.

(Gal 3:8)

***The blessing of Salvation was promised to the entire  
world through Abraham.***

(Gal 3:22)

*Illus:* You do not wash your face “WITH” a mirror,  
but use it to reveal the dirt, and verify the cleansing.

(Gal 2:21) The Law says DO  
Grace says DONE, Finished. (Jn 19:30)

(1 Pet 5:12) Peter Said that Paul & he were in  
complete agreement.  
(Gal 3:24)

***The Law was given to prepare the way for Christ.***  
Not the same as our modern school teacher, but the  
greek thought of a *Child's Guardian*.  
**They would watch over and protect.**

The Jew was not born of the Law, but brought up by  
the Law.

*Illus:* Explain Schoolmaster

The Law was a preparation for the nation of Israel.  
The ultimate goal in God's plan was the coming of  
Christ.

God had to destroy the Temple to get His point across.  
The Law separated the Jewish nation from the Gentile  
Nations.

The Law was given to prepare them for the coming of  
Christ.

The Demands of the Law reminded the people that  
they needed a savior.

*Illus:* Rich young Ruler.

He tried to keep the law, but something was missing.  
The 10 Commandments brought him to Christ.

The Law was given to show a person that they are a  
sinner.

It's purpose was to lead them to Christ for Salvation.

It is tragic that the Jew did not recognize the Messiah.  
He has no altar, sacrifice, priesthood, or king.

All are fulfilled in Christ.  
(Gal 2:16) (Rom 3:20)

#### **D. The extent of justification:**

Many believe that Adam was created in an innocent  
state.

Innocence is not Righteousness.

With the imputed Righteousness of Christ, the sinner  
gains more in Christ than he lost in Adam.

(Rom 5:12-21)

#### ***This is the Basis of our Justification***

1st. Note the 11 times repetition of the word “One”

2nd. Note the 5 time repetition of the word “Reign”

3rd. 5 time repetition of the phrase “Much More”

This section is a contrast of Adam and Christ.

Men die because we are related Racially to Adam.

***Look at The Contrast of Adam and Christ.***

Vs 15: Adam's sin is contrasted with Christ's Obedience.

Vs 16: ***The effect Adam's sin*** is Contrasted with the Effect of Christ's Obedient death.

Death & Condemnation vs. Justified, & Declared Righteous in Christ.

Vs 17: ***The two Reigns.***

Death Reigns

Christ's Reigns

Being justified by grace, we are declared righteous.  
In Adam we lost our Kinship, In Christ we are given  
Kingship to rule and reign with Him.

Vs 18-19

***Adam did not have to commit a series of sins.***

One offense, or Act of Disobedience was all that was needed.

Vs 19: ***With Christ, the Righteousness of One.***

The righteous work on the Cross.

Vs 20-21: ***Law and Grace are contrasted.***

Grace was not an addition to God's plan, but has always been a part of God's plan.

God dealt with Adam & Eve, the Patriarchs, the elders of Israel, etc ***in Grace.***

The Law was temporary, Grace is eternal.

The Law made man's sin increase, God's grace is also abounding to cover Man's sins.

Adam was a type of Christ.

***Justification = Forgiveness & Remission of sins***

(Acts 10:43) (Col 2:12-13)

When Christ dies, we died with him.

When He was buried, we were buried with Him.

When He rose, we arose with Him.

When we were born again, we received the

forgiveness of God, and that it is a free gift without conditions. (Rom 6:20-23)

(1 Cor 1:30) (2 Cor 5:21)

***When a sinner receives Christ, he receives a death, he did not die.*** (Gal 3:13-14)

***Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law.***

(Deut 21:23)

The Jews did not crucify criminals, they stoned them.

In cases of shameful crimes, their body was hanged on a tree as a great humiliation.

**E. The permanence of justification**

***The Saved Man is legally dead to sin in God's sight, but not dead to it physically.*** (Rom 5:17-18)

Christian living is based on christian learning.

***My relationship is a living relationship not a legal contract.*** A Justification that brings life.

When he was seated at the right hand of God, I was seated in heavenly places in Christ. (Eph 1:3)

Just as Christ will die no more, neither will we die spiritually anymore.

Justification is permanent because the saint is IN the Eternal Savior, purchased with an eternal redemption.

(Heb 9:12) *having obtained eternal redemption for us*

***Our Justification Extend through eternity.***

**How does it happen:** (Rom 5:9) “*By His Blood*”

(Heb 9:22) There is no other Way!

(Lev 17:11) “*The life of the flesh...*”

Inside the body blood means life, but when we talk of blood outside the body it really speaks of death.

Something has died.

(1 Pet 2:24) He bare our sin

(Is 53:6) Laid the sin of us all on Christ.

*Illus:* *Like being on Death row, & they condemning someone else & setting you free!*

(Heb 2:9) He tasted death for every man.

**When does it happen:** (Rom 5:9) **NOW!**

**Right Now!** (Jn 3:36) “**HATH**” **Right Now!**

**How can you make it your own:**

(Rom 5:1, Rom 3:28)

***The Bible word for Faith means to Trust & Depend.***

You must believe that you are a Guilty Sinner.

*Illus:* *Well I know no one's perfect, but I am not that bad.*

**YOU ARE A GUILTY SINNER!**

You Must Believe as a Guilty Sinner you owe a Penalty- *for the wages of sin is death.*

You Must Believe that Jesus Christ died as a Sinless Substitute to pay that penalty for you!

Not only must you Believe, but you must also Trust & Depend upon these facts.

You are Relying upon Christ alone, not Church membership, Baptism, Good Works, or any other thing.

*Illus:* *Sounds to me like you are Judging people, No I am just Reading the Verdict from the Judge!*

**Believe:** (Jn 3:18)

**You Must Depend On Jesus:** (Jn 14:6)

*Illus:* *There is no Other Way!*

**This is why Justification is so Beautiful:**

**The record is cleared, Guilt is dissolved.**

**God does the work for us.**

**All I have to do is Believe and Depend**

**I have it Immediately, NOW**