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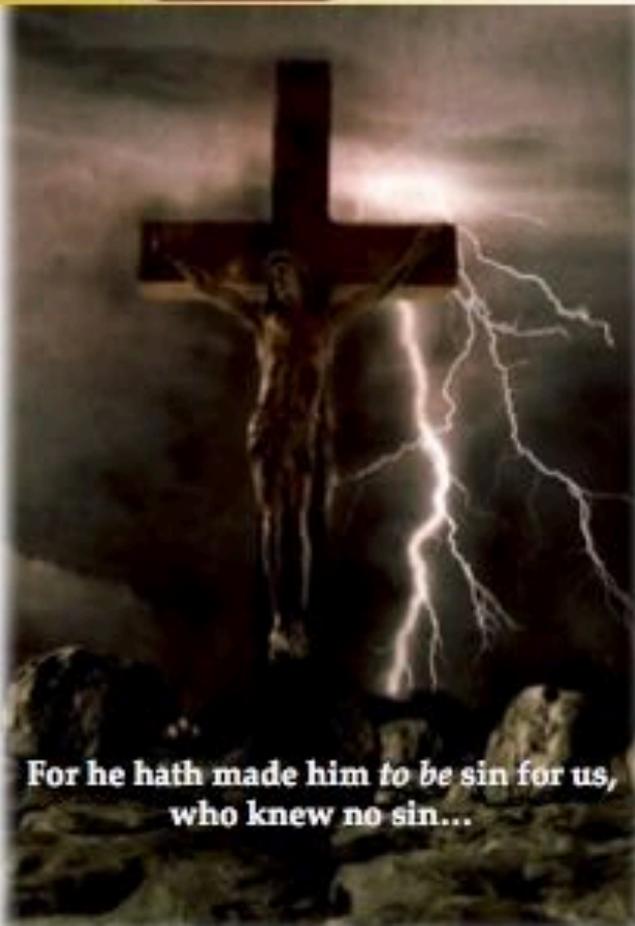
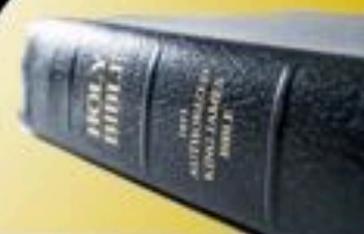
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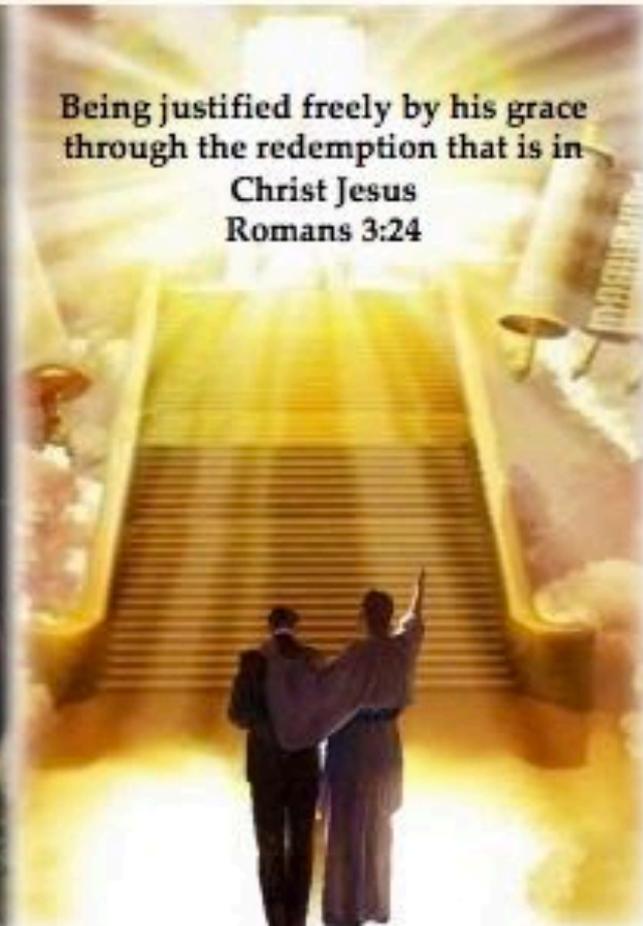
The Bible Truth

Justification

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For he hath made him *to be* sin for us,
who knew no sin...



Being justified freely by his grace
through the redemption that is in
Christ Jesus
Romans 3:24



...that we might be made the
righteousness of God in him
2 Corinthians 5:21

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INTRODUCTION

- JUSTIFICATION and its various forms appear 64x (8 x 8= # of NEW BEGINNING; ETERNITY)
 - JUSTIFICATION appears 3x (Rom 4:25; 5:16,18)
 - JUSTIFIED appears 43x
 - JUSTIFIER appears 1x
 - JUSTIFIETH appears 4x
 - JUSTIFY appears 11x
 - JUSTIFYING appears 2x
- Two related terms, JUSTLY and JUSTICE appear 3x and 28x respectively
- The common root for all these words is JUST, which appears 94x
- All words with the root JUST appear a total of 189x= 3 (# of the TRINITY) x 7 (# of divine PERFECTION) x 9 (# of FRUIT BEARING)
- The root JUST indicates that these are LEGAL related terms, specifically, to the execution of the legal process
- Any legal process involves a JUDGE (and possibly a JURY), a PROSECUTOR and PLAINTIFF, a DEFENDER and DEFENDANT, and the LAW

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THE BIBLICAL LEGAL PROCESS

- 1) The judge= God (Gen 18:25; Jud 11:27; Heb 12:23)
- 2) The law= the word of God (John 12:48)
- 3) The prosecutor= Satan (Rev 12:10) cf. (Job 1:9-11; 2:4-5; Zec 3:1)
- 4) The defender= Jesus Christ (Isa 53:12; Rom 8:27,34; Heb 4:15-16; 7:25-26; 1 John 2:1) cf. (Zec 3:2)
- 5) The defendant= every man (Rom 14:12; Heb 9:27)

- These series of lessons emphasize the following three: (1) the defendant; (2) the judge; and (3) the law
- Biblical JUSTIFICATION and its related terms are proof that the plan of salvation has been executed “by the book” and in perfect conformity with all the demands of divine law

1) The Defendants

- There are three classes of people (i.e.- defendants): (1) the INNOCENT; (2) the RIGHTEOUS (i.e.- the JUST); and (3) the WICKED (i.e.- the UNJUST)

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Exo 23:7

Keep thee far from a false matter; and **the innocent** and **righteous** slay thou not: for I will not justify **the wicked**.

- There are differences between these three classes of people relative to their legal accountability and judicial standing

The INNOCENT	The RIGHTEOUS	The WICKED
DOES NOT have a knowledge of good and evil (e.g.- infants; young children; those with grew up with severe mental disabilities)	DOES have a knowledge of good and evil	DOES have a knowledge of good and evil
NO JUDGMENT- unless knowledge of good and evil is uncertain	JUDGMENT	JUDGMENT
Not guilty of breaking the law	Fully conformable to the law	A transgressor of the law
Verdict: INNOCENT	Verdict: JUSTIFIED	Verdict: CONDEMNED

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2) The Judge

- The JUDGE is the one who judges and his judgment must be JUST, based on THE LAW

Deu 16:18

Judges and officers shalt thou make thee in all thy gates, which the LORD thy God giveth thee, throughout thy tribes: and they **shall judge the people with just judgment.**

John 18:31

Then said Pilate unto them, Take ye him, and **judge him according to your law.** The Jews therefore said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death:

- The JUDGE is the one who declares someone RIGHTEOUS and JUSTIFIED or WICKED and CONDEMNED based on the evidence and arguments presented relative to the demands of the law

Deu 25:1

If there be a controversy between men, and they come unto judgment, that **the judges may judge them;** then **they shall justify the righteous, and condemn the wicked.**

- 1) THE LORD is just and the Judge

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Deu 32:4

He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

Isa 45:21

Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.

Zep 3:5

The just LORD is in the midst thereof; he will not do iniquity: every morning doth he bring his judgment to light, he faileth not; but the unjust knoweth no shame.

Gen 18:25

That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

Jud 11:27

Wherefore I have not sinned against thee, but thou doest me wrong to war against me: the LORD the Judge be judge this day between the children of Israel and the children of Ammon.

John 5:22,30

22 For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

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Acts 17:31

Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

Heb 12:23

To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

3) The Law

- The law is just and the basis of judgment, and the law is the WORD OF GOD

Rom 7:12

Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.

John 12:48

He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

Rev 20:12

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

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D) The MEANING Of Justification

- JUSTIFICATION= “the act of justifying; a showing to be just or conformable to law; to be pardoned or cleared from guilt; to absolve or acquit from guilt or merited punishment, and to accept as righteous; to judge rightly of; to substantiate”

1) To be PERFECT

Deu 25:15

But thou shalt have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure shalt thou have: that thy days may be lengthened in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Job 9:20

*If I justify myself, mine own mouth shall condemn me: *if I say*, I am perfect, it shall also prove me perverse.*

Heb 12:23

To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

2) To be WITHOUT INIQUITY

Deu 32:4

He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

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3) To be PURE

Job 4:17

Shall mortal man be **more just** than God? shall a man be **more pure** than his maker?

4) To be UPRIGHT

Job 12:4

I am *as* one mocked of his neighbour, who calleth upon God, and he answereth him: **the just upright man** is laughed to scorn.

Pro 29:27

An unjust man *is* an abomination to the **just**: and *he that is* **upright** in the way *is* abomination to the wicked.

5) To be CLEAN

Job 25:4

How then can man **be justified** with God? or how can he **be clean** *that is* born of a woman?

6) To be CLEARED

Psa 51:4

Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest **be justified** when thou speakest, and **be clear** when thou judgest.

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7) To be RIGHTEOUS

Ecc 8:14

There is a vanity which is done upon the earth; that there be just men, unto whom it happeneth according to the work of the wicked; again, there be wicked men, to whom it happeneth according to the work of the righteous: I said that this also is vanity.

Rom 4:2-3,5

2 For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God.

3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

8) To be EXAMINED and FOUND having NO FAULT WITHIN (John 18:38; 19:4,6)

Matt 27:19,24

19 When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.

24 When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it.

Luke 23:14

Said unto them, Ye have brought this man unto me, as one that perverteth the people: and, behold, I, having examined him before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him:

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9) To be HOLY, GOOD, and UNBLAMEABLE

Rom 7:12

Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.

1 The 2:10

Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe:

10) To be EQUAL

Col 4:1

Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven.

11) To be TRUE (the opposite of FALSE)

Rev 15:3

And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

Pro 11:1

A false balance is abomination to the LORD: but a just weight is his delight.

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12) The opposite of CONDEMNATION (i.e.- damnation) (John 3:18; Rom 8:1)

Deu 25:1

If there be a controversy between men, and they come unto judgment, that *the judges* may judge them; then they shall **justify** the righteous, and **condemn** the wicked.

1Kin 8:32

Then hear thou in heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, condemning the wicked, to bring his way upon his head; and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness.

Pro 17:15

He that **justifieth** the wicked, and he that **condemneth** the just, even they both are abomination to the LORD.

Matt 12:37

For by thy words thou shalt be **justified**, and by thy words thou shalt be **condemned**.

Rom 5:16,18

16 And not as *it was* by one that sinned, *so is* the gift: for the judgment *was* by one to **condemnation**, but the free gift *is* of many offences unto **justification**.

18 Therefore as by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to **condemnation**; even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came* upon all men unto **justification** of life.

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13) The opposite of THE WICKED

Psa 7:9

Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins.

Psa 37:12

The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.

Pro 3:33

The curse of the LORD is in the house of the wicked: but he blesseth the habitation of the just.

Pro 10:6-7

6 Blessings are upon the head of the just: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

7 The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot.

Pro 12:13,21

13 The wicked is snared by the transgression of his lips: but the just shall come out of trouble.

21 There shall no evil happen to the just: but the wicked shall be filled with mischief.

Matt 13:49

So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just,

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14) The opposite of THE HYPOCRITE

Pro 11:9

An hypocrite with his mouth destroyeth his neighbour: but through knowledge shall the just be delivered.

15) The opposite of THE SINNER

Pro 13:22

A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.

16) The opposite of THE WORKERS OF INIQUITY

Pro 21:15

It is joy to the just to do judgment: but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity.

- A summary of what it means to be JUSTIFIED is, “to have a position or standing before God JUST AS IF I’D never sinned or ever will sin”

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II) The METHOD Of Justification

- The Bible presents the question on how a man can be justified with God and provides the answer

1) The Question: How can man be justified with God?

Job 9:2

I know *it is* so of a truth: but how should man be just with God?

Job 25:4

How then can man be justified with God? or how can he be clean that is born of a woman?

2) The Answer: How NOT TO BE justified with God

1. Man attempts to justify himself

Luke 10:29

But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour?

Luke 16:15

And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.

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2. There is not a just man upon the earth

Ecc 7:20

For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.

3. No man can justify himself in the eyes of God

Psa 143:2

And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

4. Justification is not by the deeds or works of the law

Rom 3:20

Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.

Gal 3:11

But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.

5. If justification were by works, man could glory in it Cont: (Eph 2:8-9)

Rom 4:2

For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God.

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6. Justification by works would require doing 100% of the law 100% of the time

Rom 2:13

For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.

- Sin is the transgression of the law and just one sin makes us just as much a transgressor and law-breaker as an eternal number of sins, and just as deserving of the penalty for breaking the law

1 John 3:4

Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

Jam 2:10-11

10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

11 For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.

7. The Lord is just to give us the due reward of our deeds (i.e.- damnation)

Neh 9:33

Howbeit thou art just in all that is brought upon us; for thou hast done right, but we have done wickedly:

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Luke 23:40-41

40 But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same **condemnation?**

41 And **we indeed justly**; for **we receive the due reward of our deeds**: but this man hath done nothing amiss.

Heb 2:2

For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience **received a just recompence of reward**;

Rev 20:13

And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and **they were judged** every man **according to their works**.

Rom 3:8

And not *rather*, (as we be slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say,) Let us do evil, that good may come? **whose damnation is just**.

Rom 6:23

For **the wages of sin is death**; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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3) The Answer: How TO BE justified with God

1. Justification comes from the Lord- only the Judge can declare someone just

Isa 53:11

He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall **my righteous servant justify many**; for he shall bear their iniquities.

Rom 3:26,30

26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: **that he might be** just, and **the justifier** of him which believeth in Jesus.

30 Seeing it is one **God, which shall justify** the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith.

Rom 8:33

Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? **It is God that justifieth.**

Gal 2:17

But if, while we seek to be **justified by Christ**, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid.

Gal 3:8

And the scripture, foreseeing that **God would justify** the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.

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2. Justification is freely given by the grace of God through the redemption and resurrection of Christ

Rom 3:24

Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

Rom 4:25

Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

Tit 3:7

That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

3. Justification is by the blood of Christ

Rom 5:9

Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

4. Justification is by faith (for both Jews and Gentiles) without works

Rom 3:28,30

28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

30 Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith.

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Rom 5:1

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

Gal 2:16

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

Gal 3:8,24

8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, *saying*, In thee shall all nations be blessed.

24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

5. All that believe in Jesus Christ as Savior are justified

Acts 13:39

And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

Rom 3:26

To declare, *I say*, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

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6. Justification is in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Holy Spirit

1 Cor 6:11

And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but **ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.**

7. Justification occurs at the moment of salvation

Rom 5:18

Therefore as by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came* upon all men unto **justification of life.**

8. The Lord is just to justify those which believe in Jesus

Rom 3:26

To declare, *I say*, at this time his righteousness: **that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.**

- We have all heard it said before that the Lord did not give us JUSTICE but MERCY, because if he had given us justice we would all be in hell
- It is true that if we received justice, exclusive of a plan of salvation, we would be in hell



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- But we must be careful not to imply that God disregarded justice and replaced it with mercy in the plan of salvation, because that is not true
 - It is God's MERCY that a plan of salvation was even offered to man but JUSTICE is still fully served in its execution and application
 - When Jesus Christ bore all of our sins on the cross and became sin for us, he received the JUSTICE of God by suffering the penalty of eternal CONDEMNATION in our place
 - In other words, our sins were imputed (charged; reckoned; accounted) to him as was our eternal death penalty
 - When we put our faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior and were placed positionally IN him (i.e.- through the baptism of the Spirit), we received the JUSTICE of God by being eternally JUSTIFIED
 - In other words, his righteousness was imputed (charged; reckoned; accounted) to us as was his eternal life, and "The Old Account Was Settled"
9. The Lord is just to forgive us of our sins when we confess them

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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- We are not justified by our works but our works justify OUR FAITH BEFORE MEN

Jam 2:20-21,24-25

20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?

24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

25 Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent *them* out another way?

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III) The MAGNITUDE Of Justification

1) The POSITIONAL results

- Since being JUSTIFIED means to be made perfect, pure, clean, holy, unblameable, having no fault, righteous, and not condemned, it is reasonable to conclude that all these are among the positional RESULTS of justification

1. Those who are justified are PERFECTED

Heb 12:23

To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

2. Those who are justified are PURIFIED

Tit 2:14

Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

1 Pet 1:22

Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, *see that ye* love one another with a pure heart fervently:

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3. Those who are justified are CLEANSED

John 15:3

Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

Eph 5:26

That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

1 John 1:7

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

4. Those who are justified are WASHED and SANCTIFIED

1 Cor 6:11

And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

Tit 3:5

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Rev 1:5

And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

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1 Cor 1:2

Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

Heb 10:10

By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Jude 1:1

Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called:

5. Those who are justified are made HOLY and UNBLAMEABLE

1 Cor 3:17

If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

Eph 1:4

According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

Eph 2:21

In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

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Eph 5:27

That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but **that it should be holy** and without blemish.

Col 1:22

In the body of his flesh through death, **to present you holy and unblameable** and unproveable in his sight:

1 Pet 2:9

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, **an holy nation**, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

1 Cor 1:8

Who shall also confirm you unto the end, **that ye may be blameless** in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 The 5:23

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God **your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless** unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

6. Those who are justified have NO FAULT

Rev 14:5

And in their mouth was found no guile: for **they are without fault** before the throne of God.

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7. Those who are justified are made **RIGHTEOUS** (through imputation)

2 Cor 5:21

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that **we might be made the righteousness of God in him.**

Rom 3:10,22-26

10 As it is written, **There is none righteous**, no, not one:

20 Therefore **by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified** in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;

22 Even **the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe:** for there is no difference:

23 For **all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;**

24 **Being justified** freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

Rom 4:5,22

5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is **counted for righteousness.**

22 And therefore it was **imputed to him for righteousness.**

Rom 10:10

For with the heart **man believeth unto righteousness;** and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

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Rom 5:16-19

16 And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto **justification**.

17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of **the gift of righteousness** shall reign in life **by one, Jesus Christ.**)

18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so **by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification** of life.

19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so **by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.**

Phl 3:9

And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, **the righteousness which is of God by faith:**

Gen 6:9; 7:1; 18:25

These are the generations of Noah: **Noah was a just man** and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God. And the LORD said unto **Noah**, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for **thee have I seen righteous** before me in this generation.

That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay **the righteous** with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: **Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?**

2 Pet 2:7-8

7 And delivered **just Lot**, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:

8 (For **that righteous man** dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)

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8. Those who are justified are NOT CONDEMNED (i.e.- not damned)

John 3:18

He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Rom 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

9. Those who are justified will be resurrected at the resurrection of THE JUST- the FIRST resurrection

Luke 14:14

And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.

Acts 24:15

And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.

Rev 20:6

Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

Justification



10. Those who are justified need no repentance (positionally) (Luke 15:7)

Luke 15:7

I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

11. Those who are justified have peace with God

Rom 5:1

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

12. Those who are justified are saved from God's wrath

Rom 5:9

Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

13. Those who are justified are predestinated and called, and will be glorified

Rom 8:30

Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Justification



14. Those who are justified cannot be charged with sin (Rom 8:33-34) “What sins are you talking about”?

Rom 8:33-34

33 **Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.**

34 **Who is he that condemneth?** It is **Christ** that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who **is even at the right hand of God**, who also **maketh intercession for us**.

What Sins Are You Talking About?

I remember the days when I was bent low with the burdens of sin and strife
Then Jesus came in and rescued me and gave me a brand new life.
Now as I thank Him day after day for washing my sins away,
It seems I can almost hear the voice of the blessed Savior say.

CHORUS

What sins are you talking about
I don't remember them anymore.
From the Book of Life they've all been torn out
I don't remember them anymore.

When the flesh becomes weak, it's then I can speak to the Savior who's with me each day.
"Oh, Father, forgive me, hear my plea," and He washes my sins away.
Each time that I bow to give Him thanks for removing my guilt and shame.
He cannot recall what I'm talking about for His answer is always the same.

Justification



- Those the judge declares just (i.e.- the justified) have fully conformed to the law
- The Lord has justified all those who trust Jesus Christ as their Savior, and since Christ FULFILLED the law and is the END of the law, the born again believer ESTABLISHES and FULFILLS the law in Christ

Matt 5:17

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

Rom 10:4

For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

Rom 3:31

Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.

Rom 8:4

That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

- A summary of what it means to be JUSTIFIED is, “to have a position or standing before God JUST AS IF I’D never sinned or ever will”
- This is the LEGAL STANDING of ALL those who are IN CHRIST
- The verdict is ETERNAL- it can not and will not ever be reversed due to three immutable facts

Justification



REASONS OUR POSITION OF JUSTIFICATION IS ETERNAL

- 1) Our life is hid with Christ in God so no matter what is done for the rest of our earthly lives we are judically seen as IN CHRIST

Col 3:3

For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

- 2) Jesus Christ is our defense attorney who will never lose a case, since he EVER LIVETH to make INTERCESSION for us, he would have to DIE and stay dead for our standing before God to change, and that will never happen

1 John 2:1

My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

Heb 7:25

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Rom 6:9

For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

Justification



Rev 1:18

I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

3) Since we are in Christ positionally, Jesus Christ would have to become a SINNER for our standing before God to change, and that will never happen

I Rest My Case At The Cross

VERSE 1

There's a covenant sweet
It was written for me
Its a promise that I could believe
From all my sin and my shame
Even heartache and pain
It was signed and confirmed on a hill

CHORUS

So I rest my case at the cross
For now I have someone to champion my cause
I've been justified, satisfied, oh I have it all
So I rest my case at the cross

VERSE 2

Don't feel sorry for me
When you see I'm in need
There's a judge who grants mercy and love
All my burdens he lifts
All my sin he forgives
Every trial is won through the blood

Chorus

In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever
This covenant is binding
By his blood and word
Every time I'm in trouble
My case will be heard
I've been justified, satisfied, oh I have it all
So I rest my case at the cross, the cross

Justification



2) The PRACTICAL results

1. It still rains up the just (Matt 5:45)
2. The just upright man is laughed to scorn (Job 12:4)
3. A just man walks with God (Gen 6:9; Mic 6:8)
4. The just man walks in his integrity (Pro 20:7)
5. The Lord blesses the habitation of the just (Pro 3:33)
6. The path of the just is as the shining light (Pro 4:18)
7. A just man will increase in learning when he is taught (Pro 9:9)
8. Blessings are upon the head of the just (Pro 10:6)
9. The memory of the just is blessed (Pro 10:7)
10. The tongue of the just is as choice silver (Pro 10:20)
11. The mouth of the just brings forth wisdom (Pro 10:31)
12. The just shall come out of trouble (Pro 12:13)
13. No evil shall happen to the just (Pro 12:21)
14. The wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just (Pro 13:22)
15. The just joy to do judgment (Pro 21:15)
16. A just man falls seven times and rises up again (Pro 24:16)
17. The way of the just is uprightness (Isa 26:7)
18. The just do what is lawful and right (Eze 18:5)

Justification



2) The PRACTICAL results (cont'd)

19. The just walk in the Lord's statutes and ways (Hos 14:9) and keep his judgments (Eze 18:9)
20. The just shall live by (his) faith (Hab 2:4; Rom 1:17; Gal 3:11; Heb 10:38)
21. The just are vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked (2 Pet 2:7)

Justification



IV) The MODELS Of Justification

1) Illustrations that justification is not by the law or only for Jews

1. Abraham

- Abraham was justified by faith BEFORE the law

Rom 4:1-5,13,21-25

1 What shall we say then that **Abraham** our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found?

2 For if Abraham were **justified** by works, he hath *whereof* to glory; but not before God.

3 For what saith the scripture? **Abraham believed God**, and **it was counted unto him for righteousness**.

4 Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.

5 But to him that worketh not, but **believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly**, **his faith is counted for righteousness**.

13 For **the promise**, that he should be the heir of the world, **was not to Abraham**, or to his seed, **through the law**, **but through the righteousness of faith**.

21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

22 And therefore **it was imputed to him for righteousness**.

23 Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;

24 But for us also, to whom **it shall be imputed, if we believe on him** that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;

25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was **raised again for our justification**.

Justification



- Abraham was justified BEFORE his circumcision

Rom 4:9-11

9 Cometh this blessedness then upon the circumcision only, or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say that **faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness.**

10 **How was it then reckoned?** when he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but **in uncircumcision.**

11 And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: **that he might be the father of all them that believe,** though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also:

2. David

- David was justified by faith UNDER the law

Rom 4:6-8

6 Even as **David** also describeth the blessedness of the man, **unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works,**

7 *Saying,* Blessed *are* they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

8 Blessed *is* the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

Justification



2) Those specifically called JUST

1. Noah

Gen 6:9

These *are* the generations of Noah: **Noah was a just man** and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

Gen 7:1

And the LORD said unto **Noah**, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for **thee have I seen righteous** before me in this generation.

2. Joseph (the step-father of Jesus)

Matt 1:19

Then **Joseph** her husband, **being a just man**, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.

3. John the Baptist

Mark 6:20

For Herod feared **John**, knowing that he **was a just man** and an holy, and observed him; and when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly.

Justification



4. Simeon

Luke 2:25

And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

5. Joseph of Arimathaea

Luke 23:50

And, behold, *there was* a man named Joseph, a counsellor; *and he was* a good man, and a just:

6. Cornelius

Acts 10:22

And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from God by an holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee.

7. Lot

Gen 18:25

That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

Justification



2 Pet 2:7-8

7 And delivered **just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:**

8 (For **that righteous man** dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)

- Lot chose the best of the land rather than submitting and deferring the choice to his elder and godly uncle Abraham (Gen 13:10-12)
- Lot eventually chose to live in Sodom and when he became a prisoner of war when Sodom fell, and was rescued by Abraham he still went back to live in Sodom and there is no record that he even thanked Abraham for risking his life to save his (Gen 14:12-16)
- Lot was willing to give his unmarried daughters to the Sodomites to appease their lust and did not have a godly enough testimony and spiritual influence upon his son-in-laws or married daughters that they were willing to leave Sodom (Gen 19:7-8,14)
- Lot got drunk and committed incest with both of his unmarried daughters (Gen 19:32-36)- this is the last we hear of Lot
- Yet Lot is called JUST LOT and THAT RIGHTEOUS MAN by the word of God over 1900 years AFTER he did these things
- The JUSTIFIED CANNOT be UNJUSTIFIED no matter what they do because the eternal death penalty has already been executed for their sins through Christ

Justification



8. Jesus Christ is THE JUST (One) cf. (Zec 9:9; Matt 27:19,24)

Acts 3:14

But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;

Acts 7:52

Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers:

Acts 22:14

And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth.

1 Pet 3:18

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

3) Illustrations of Accusation and Justification

1. Job

- Job is called “perfect and upright” (Job 1:1,8; 2:3), which is a definition of JUSTIFIED
- Job was accused by Satan and defended by the Lord

Justification



2. Joshua the high priest

Zec 3:1-5

1 And he shewed me **Joshua** the high priest **standing before the angel of the LORD**, and **Satan standing at his right hand to resist him**.

2 And **the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee**, O Satan; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: **is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?**

3 Now **Joshua was clothed with filthy garments**, and stood before the angel.

4 And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, **Take away the filthy garments from him**. And unto him he said, Behold, **I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee**, and **I will clothe thee with change of raiment**.

5 And I said, **Let them set a fair mitre upon his head**. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD stood by.

- Joshua stood before the angel of the Lord and Satan stood to resist him (v.1)
- The Lord defended Joshua against Satan (v.2)
- Joshua was a brand plucked out of the fire just like we are (v.2) cf. (Psa 40:2; 86:13; Jude 1:23)
- Joshua was clothed in filthy garments just like we were (v.3) cf. (Isa 64:6)
- The Lord commanded that Joshua be given a change of garments reflecting the fact his iniquity passed from him just like us (v.4) cf. (Rev 19:8-9,14)
- Joshua was crowned with a priestly mitre just like us (v.5) cf. (1 Pet 2:9; Rev 1:6)



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