

WHAT IS JUSTIFICATION?

Justification is God's act of declaring a sinner righteous in His sight, not because of anything we have done, but because of what Christ has done for us.

It is a legal declaration, not a process of making us righteous.



JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH

THE GOSPEL TRUTH THAT SETS US FREE

Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

ROMANS 5:1

THE HEART OF THE GOSPEL

We are not saved by our works or efforts, but by trusting in Jesus Christ alone for our righteousness and acceptance before God.



THE BASIS: WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE

HE LIVED THE PERFECT LIFE



Christ obeyed the Law perfectly in our place.

2 Corinthians 5:21
Matthew 5:17

HE DIED THE PENALTY WE DESERVE



He bore God's wrath and paid the full price for our sins.

Romans 3:25–26
1 Peter 2:24

HE ROSE FOR OUR JUSTIFICATION



His resurrection proves our acceptance and secures our standing.

Romans 4:25
Romans 8:34

HE INTERCEDES FOR US



He continually pleads our case before the Father.

Hebrews 7:25
Romans 8:33–34

NOT BY WORKS, BUT BY FAITH ALONE



Not by works of righteousness which we have done.
Titus 3:5



Not by obeying the Law to earn God's favor.
Galatians 2:16



Not by our goodness, religion, or efforts.
Ephesians 2:8–9



But by faith in Jesus Christ and what He has done.
Romans 3:28

THE MEANS: FAITH ALONE

Faith is trusting in the person and work of Christ alone for salvation—nothing more, nothing less.



HEAR

We hear the gospel
Romans 10:17



BELIEVE

We trust in Christ alone
John 3:16
Acts 16:31



RECEIVE

We are justified—not by our works, but by His work
John 1:12

THE RESULT: PEACE & ASSURANCE



We have peace with God.
Romans 5:1



We are adopted into God's family.
Romans 8:15–17



We have full assurance of our salvation.
Hebrews 10:22



We receive an eternal inheritance.
1 Peter 1:3–5

WHAT JUSTIFICATION IS... AND IS NOT



JUSTIFICATION IS...

- A declaration – God declares us righteous. (Romans 4:5)
- Instantaneous – It happens the moment we believe. (John 5:24)
- Forensic – A legal verdict, not a moral improvement. (2 Cor. 5:21)
- Based on Christ's righteousness – Not our own. (Philippians 3:9)
- Secured for all who believe – There is no condemnation. (Romans 8:1)



JUSTIFICATION IS NOT...

- A process of becoming righteous.
- By faith plus works, obedience, or sacraments.
- Based on our feelings or performance.
- Something we can lose.
- The same as sanctification (growing in holiness).

"We are accounted righteous before God, not because we are righteous, but because Christ is righteous for us."

– JOHN CALVIN

KEY SCRIPTURES



ROMANS 3:21–28
We are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ.



GALATIANS 2:16
A person is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Jesus Christ.



EPHESIANS 2:8–9
By grace you have been saved through faith. Not a result of works, so that no one may boast.



ROMANS 4:4–5
To the one who does not work but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness.



PHILIPPIANS 3:8–9
I count all things loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. I have no righteousness of my own apart from Him.



HEBREWS 10:14
For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

THE BEAUTY OF THIS TRUTH



It magnifies God's grace. Ephesians 2:7
We are saved by grace, not by anything we've done.



It exalts Christ alone. 1 Corinthians 1:31
Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.



It humbles us. Luke 18:9–14
We stand before God as guilty sinners, not as self-righteous people.



It gives us peace and assurance. Romans 5:1
Because our standing is based on Christ's finished work, not our fluctuating performance.

OUR RESPONSE



HEAR the gospel.
Romans 10:17



BELIEVE in Christ alone.
John 3:16



REPENT of sin.
Acts 20:21



TRUST and rest in His finished work.
Hebrews 4:10

THE GOSPEL IN ONE SENTENCE

God declares us righteous not because of what we do, but because of what Jesus Christ has done.



"To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father – to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." REVELATION 1:5–6

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If we are justified by faith alone, then the glory belongs to God alone.

"So that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord!'"
1 CORINTHIANS 1:31

JUSTIFIED BY FAITH. SEALED BY GRACE. SECURED IN CHRIST. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

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