



Romans 1-8

Justification

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RECONCILIATION = The barrier between God and man was removed through the work of Christ on the cross so that we are connected with God, or are at peace with Him (Romans 5:10; 2 Corinthians 5:19-21; Romans 3:22-26).

Why These Words/Definitions Matter



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Assurance

Peace & Comfort

Encouragement for You & Others

Confidence

God Loves you!

ROMANS

THE GOSPEL OF GRACE	THE THREE TYPES OF SINNERS	THE THREE TENSES OF SALVATION	
		JUSTIFICATION	
1:1-17	1:18-3:20	3:21-5:21	
Accountable for the Gospel 1:1-5	The Immoral Sinner 1:18-32	Justification Explained 3:21-31	
Addressees The Romans 1:6-7	The Moral Sinner 2:1-16		
Aspirations in the Gospel 1:8-15	The Religious Sinner 2:17-3:8		
Acclamation of the Gospel: <i>Salvation to all who believe</i> 1:16-17	Conclusion: <i>All Are Sinners</i> 3:9-20		

The Justice of God Revealed

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III. Romans 3:21- 5:11 – God’s justice received in deliverance from the punishment of sin –

Justification

A. Romans 3:21-31 – The explanation of the Doctrine of Justification

LET’S TAKE A LOOK AT THE THREE PHASES OF OUR ONE SALVATION

Phases of Salvation

Phase #1

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Philippians 2:12

So then, my beloved,
just as you have
always obeyed, not
as in my presence
only, but now much
more in my absence,
work out your
salvation with fear
and trembling.
Philippians 2:12

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James 1:21

Therefore, putting
aside all filthiness
and all that remains
of wickedness, in
humility receive the
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Rapture

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...so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him. Hebrews 9:28

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Do this, knowing the time,
that it is already the hour for
you to awaken from sleep;
for now salvation is nearer to
us than when we believed.

Romans 13:11

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1. Romans 3:21 – **Justification** does not come by merit.

Justification

- a) Romans 3:21a – God has revealed His righteousness: His way of legally declaring people righteous.
- b) Romans 3:21b – God's declares people righteous apart from the Law.
 - 1) God declares people legally righteous apart from obeying the Law.
 - 2) God justifies people apart from it being earned or merited by observing the Law.

Justification

- c) Romans 3:21c – The Old Testament (the Law and the Prophets) predicted mankind could be declared right with God through justification.

Justification

2. Romans 3:22-23 – **Justification** comes by faith.
 - a) Romans 3:22a – God’s righteousness comes as a free gift to all who trust in Jesus Christ.
 - b) Romans 3:22b – Without exception, this way of being declared righteous comes in the same way to every person who believes.

Justification

- 1) Romans 3:22c – Since all must come to God by the same way.
- 2) Romans 3:23a – Since all have equally sinned.
- 3) Romans 3:23b – Since no one measures up to God's standard of greatness (His glory).

Justification

3. Romans 3:24 – **Justification** comes by grace.

a) Romans 3:24a – God declares those who believe legally right with Him as a free gift.

b) Romans 3:24b – God declares those who believe legally right with Him through His completely undeserved loving favor (His grace).

Justification

4. Romans 3:24c – **Justification** comes by redemption. God makes us right with Him through the price paid by Jesus Christ (i.e. His substitutionary death.)
5. Romans 3:25 – **Justification** comes by propitiation, meaning God's demands for salvation have been met and fully satisfied.
1 John 2:2

Justification

- a) Romans 3:25a – God’s righteous demands against sinners were satisfied and His wrath calmed (propitiated) when the innocent Jesus Christ died for the whole world.
 - 1) It was important that Jesus die in clear view of many witnesses.
 - 2) His death on the cross was a public verification that the debt for sin was paid.

Justification

- b) Romans 3:25b – A person receives the benefit of justification *through faith* in Christ, the One who died for our sins and rose again.

Justification

6. Romans 3:25c-26 – **Justification** comes by a perfectly legal means.
 - a) Romans 3:25c – Jesus’ execution explained God’s forbearance in not destroying all mankind for their sins from Adam to the cross.
 - b) Romans 3:26a – Jesus’ public execution is proof that God is just when He now acquits sinners of their sins. Just as the Law required, the death penalty for sins was fully paid.

Justification

- c) Romans 3:26b – Jesus' substitutionary death allows God to legally and honestly acquit all sinners who trust in Jesus Christ.

Justification

7. Romans 3:27 – **Justification** removes all pride.

a) Romans 3:27a – *Where is boasting?* Can anyone boast that he is worthy of salvation? Has anyone made himself right with God?

b) No! All boasting is gone. It is excluded.
Jeremiah 9:23-24

Justification

- c) Romans 3:27b – Is boasting excluded by some law we have successfully kept? No.
- d) Romans 3:27c – All boasting is removed by the nature of faith! Since faith is the ultimate non-work issue, all boasting is removed when you are justified before God by faith.

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8. Romans 3:28 – **Justification** comes independent of the Law.

a) Justification by faith precludes justification by Law.

1) Romans 3:28a – Paul said, “We maintain that a person is declared right with God by trusting in Christ (by faith).” Do you firmly hold this same truth?

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2) Romans 3:28b – Paul said, “We maintain that a person is made right with God independently of, and distinctly apart from, doing good deeds found in observing the Law. Do you firmly hold to this truth?”

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9. Romans 3:29-30 – **Justification** by faith is the same for all people. God plays no favorites.

a) Are all (Jews and non-Jews alike) declared right with God in the same way?

1) Romans 3:29 – Yes. Since we all have the one same true God, we are all declared right with Him in the same way.

Justification

- 2) Romans 3:30 – Both Jews and non-Jews alike are all declared right with the one true universal God through faith in Christ and His death for their sins and resurrection.

Justification

10. Romans 3:31 – **Justification** by faith does not undermine the Law.

a) Romans 3:31a – If we are made right with God by faith, are we saying that the Law is useless or bad?

1) Romans 3:31b – *May it never be!*

2) Romans 3:31c – Being declared right with God through faith in Christ's substitutionary death establishes the validity of the Law since it says, "The wages for sin is death."

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You were justified before God
the moment you believed
in Christ's person and work.
This only happens once in life.
This is God's work!



Justification

B. Romans 4:1-25 – Examples from the Old Testament of being justified without the Law

1. Romans 4:1-5 – **Abraham's** justification before God was based on faith, not works.

Justification

- a) Romans 4:1 – We will see that Abraham discovered that man is made right with God through faith in Him, apart from works.
- b) Romans 4:2 – Abraham discovered that anyone justified through faith and not by works has no reason to brag. Salvation that comes through faith cancels out all pride.

Justification

- c) Romans 4:3 – Abraham discovered that God credited righteousness to him as a free gift at the moment he believed in God. Righteousness was not a reward for any good works.

Justification

d) Romans 4:4 – Abraham understood the vast difference between wages paid to someone who merits them through work and the undeserved favor given freely to someone who does not work and, therefore, does not merit it. God credits righteousness to someone as a free gift at the moment he simply believes God.

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- 1) Work is recompensed by earned wages.
- 2) Wages are never counted/considered a favor or a gift.
- 3) Wages are counted as deserved payment, as something due you.
- 4) Justification before God is a free favor, not a payment.

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e) Romans 4:5a – Abraham found that God does not classify faith as a work. *But to the one who does not work but believes...*

Justification

- 1) **Faith** is not an effort, work, or contribution that God rewards with salvation.
- 2) To God, faith is the **direct** opposite, the antithesis, of work.
- 3) By its very nature, faith is not meritorious work that deserves reward or compensation, but rather it is the cessation from work or **effort**.

Justification

- f) Romans 4:5b – Abraham trusted in the Lord. His faith was *in the One who justifies the ungodly.*
- 1) Biblical faith is not an aura of good will or a good feeling about God.
 - 2) Biblical faith always has an object. The worthy object of Abraham's faith, the coming Deliverer, was totally capable of saving him. John 8:56