

JUSTIFICATION

PRE-HOLY WEEK SERIES – PART I

{Sunday, March 29, 2020 A.D.}

Psalm 22:22

²² **I will tell of Your name to my brethren;**
In the midst of the assembly I will praise You.

Psalm 100:5

⁵ For **the LORD is good: His lovingkindness is everlasting**
And **His faithfulness to all generations.**

Romans 3:19-26

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever **the Law** says, it speaks to **those who are under the Law**, so that **every mouth may be closed** and **all the world may become accountable to God**; ²⁰ because **by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight**; for through the Law *comes* **the knowledge of sin**.

²¹ But now apart from the Law **the righteousness of God has been manifested**, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,

²² even **the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe**; for there is no distinction; ²³ for **all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God**,

²⁴ **being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus**;

²⁵ whom God displayed publicly as **a propitiation in His blood through faith**.

This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ for the demonstration, *I say*, of His righteousness at the present time, so that

He would be just and

the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

JUSTIFICATION, *noun*

1. The act of justifying; a showing (not a making or infusing) of one to be just or righteous or conformable to the entirety of God's holy moral law.
 2. The showing of sufficiently compelling and persuasive reasons, in a court of law, why a defendant is not guilty of what he is charged by the law to be responsible and accountable for.
 3. A legal act of God's free grace by which God declares before God the person as righteous, on account of the perfect moral life of love and active and passive obedience of Christ and His representative (*for* the person) and substitutional (*instead* of the person) atoning work of Jesus Christ's suffering, crucifixion, bearing of God's just wrath and bodily death.
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Chapter 4: Of Creation

2. After God had made all other creatures, He created man, male and female,

with reasonable and immortal souls, rendering them fit unto that life to God for which they were created; being made after the image of God, in knowledge, righteousness, and true holiness;

having the law of God written in their hearts, and power to fulfil it, and yet under a possibility of transgressing, being left to the liberty of their own will, which was subject to change.

Genesis 1:26-27

²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule . . . over all the earth, . . ." ²⁷ God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Ecclesiastes 3:11

¹¹ He has made everything appropriate in its time. He has also set eternity in their heart, yet so that man will not find out the work which God has done from the beginning even to the end.

Romans 1:18-20

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

¹⁹ because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.

²⁰ For since the creation of the world

His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

Romans 2:14-16

¹⁴ For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves,¹⁵ in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them,

¹⁶ on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus.

3. Besides the law written in their hearts, they received a command

not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil,

which whilst they kept, they were happy in their communion with God, and had dominion over the creatures.

Genesis 2:16-17

¹⁶ The LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely;

¹⁷ but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."

Chapter 6: Of the Fall of Man, Of Sin, And of the Punishment Thereof

Chapter 8: Of Christ the Mediator

Chapter 11: Of Justification

Chapter 19: Of the Law of God

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