

JUSTIFICATION

PRE/POST-HOLY WEEK SERIES – PART V

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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 11: Of Justification

1. *by pardoning their sins, and by accounting and accepting their persons as righteous;*

by imputing Christ's active obedience unto the whole law, and passive obedience in His death

for their whole and sole righteousness by faith, which faith they have not of themselves; it is the gift of God.

Romans 3:21-28

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. ²⁷ Where then is boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith.

²⁸ For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.

Romans 4:5-8

⁵ But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness. ⁶ just as David also speaks of the blessing on the man to whom God credits righteousness apart from works: ⁷ "BLESSED ARE THOSE WHOSE LAWLESS DEEDS HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN, AND WHOSE SINS HAVE BEEN COVERED. ⁸ "BLESSED IS THE MAN WHOSE SIN THE LORD WILL NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT."

3. *Christ, by His obedience and death, did fully discharge the debt of all those that are justified; and did, by the sacrifice of Himself in the blood of His cross, undergoing in their stead the penalty due unto them, make a proper, real, and full satisfaction to God's justice in their behalf;*

... their justification is only of free grace, that

both the exact justice and rich grace of God might be glorified in the justification of sinners.

Ephesians 2:1-10

¹ And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, ² in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. ³ Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;

⁹ not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

4. God did from all eternity decree to justify all the elect, and Christ did in the fullness of time die for their sins, and rise again for their justification; nevertheless, they are not justified personally, until the Holy Spirit doth in time due actually apply Christ unto them.

Romans 8:28-30

²⁸ And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

²⁹ For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; ³⁰ and those whom He predestined, He also called; and those whom He called, He also justified; and those whom He justified, He also glorified.

6. The justification of believers under the Old Testament was, in all these respects, one and the same with the justification of believers under the New Testament.

Galatians 3:6-9

⁶ Even so Abraham BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS. ⁷ Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham. ⁸ The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "ALL THE NATIONS WILL BE BLESSED IN YOU." ⁹ So then those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham, the believer.

Romans 4:20-25

²⁰ yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, ²¹ and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform.

²² Therefore IT WAS ALSO CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.

²³ Now not for his sake only was it written that it was credited to him,

²⁴ but for our sake also, to whom it will be credited, as those who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,

²⁵ *He who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.*

Chapter 19: Of the Law of God

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