

XIII. Of Justification

I believe that for an individual to be accepted of the LORD God, that person must be justified on the basis of righteousness alone. This justification cannot come from within the person, as every individual is born with iniquity inherited from their parents. Because this lineage of iniquity extends all the way to Adam and the Fall, it is impossible for any person to stand justified before the LORD God in and of their own self. The way of justification was therefore provided in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ by His righteous life and work of redemption on the cross, which culminated with His resurrection from death on the third day. To attain justification, which is the result of salvation, an individual must, in faith and repentance, place their full trust and confidence in the Person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Whereupon, being elected by the grace of Christ, they are born again a new creature in Christ, with the righteousness of Christ imputed to their soul and remaining in them for all eternity. They are no longer subject to iniquity, as the seed of Christ remains in them. They are indwelt by the Holy Ghost and held in Christ by the faith of Christ, sealed for all eternity, awaiting the subsequent resurrection of the body in righteousness. The one who is justified in Christ demonstrates the new birth and inward work of Holy Ghost through outward manifestations of faith in the LORD God.

References

Psalms 51:5; Job 25:4; Psalms 143:2; Job 32:2; Luke 18:14; Psalms 51:4; Romans 3:4; Matthew 12:37; Romans 5:12-19; Romans 4:2; Galatians 3:11; Acts 13:39; Galatians 5:4; I John 2:1-2; I Timothy 3:16; Romans 4:23-25; I Corinthians 6:11; Romans 3:20-28; Titus 3:7; Galatians 3:24; Romans 5:1; Galatians 2:16-17; Romans 5:9; Romans 8:30; Titus 2:11-14; Romans

2:12-16; Job 33:26; Galatians 2:20; I John 3:9; I John 5:1; Romans 6:3-11; II Corinthians 5:14-17; I Peter 1:1-5; James 2:17-26.

Scriptures:

Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. (*Psalms 51:5*)

How then can man be justified with God? or how can he be clean *that is* born of a woman? (*Job 25:4*)

And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified. (*Psalms 143:2*)

Then was kindled the wrath of Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram: against Job was his wrath kindled, because he justified himself rather than God. (*Job 32:2*)

I tell you, this man went down to his house justified *rather* than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted. (*Luke 18:14*)

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. (*Psalms 51:4*)

God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged. (*Romans 3:4*)

For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned. (*Matthew 12:37*)

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: 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.

For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. (*Romans 5:12-19*)

For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath *whereof* to glory; but not before God. (*Romans 4:2*)

But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, *it is* evident: for, The just shall live by faith. (*Galatians 3:11*)

And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses. (*Acts 13:39*)

Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace. (*Galatians 5:4*)

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: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of* the whole world. (*I John 2:1-2*)

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory. (*I Timothy 3:16*)

Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification. (*Romans 4:23-25*)

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. (*I Corinthians 6:11*)

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. But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; 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: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, *I say*, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. Where *is* boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law. (*Romans 3:20-28*)

That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. (*Titus 3:7*)

Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster *to bring us* unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. (*Galatians 3:24*)

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: (*Romans 5:1*)

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. 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. (*Galatians 2:16-17*)

Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. (*Romans 5:9*)

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. (*Romans 8:30*)

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. (*Titus 2:11-14*)

For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law; (For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified. For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and *their* thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;) In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel. (*Romans 2:12-16*)

He shall pray unto God, and he will be favourable unto him: and he shall see his face with joy: for he will render unto man his righteousness. (*Job 33:26*)

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. (*Galatians 2:20*)

Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. (*I John 3:9*)

Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God:

and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. (*I John 5:1*)

Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness of his* resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. (*Romans 6:3-11*)

For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And *that* he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again. Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we *him* no more. Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (*II Corinthians 5:14-17*)

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied. Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of

Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. (*I Peter 1:1-5*)

Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent *them* out another way? For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also. (*James 2:17-26*)