

# JUSTIFICATION

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WHAT IS IT?

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

WHY DO WE NEED IT?

# HEBREW: JUST, JUSTIFY, JUSTIFIED, VINDICATE

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- Acquit – to discharge completely (as from an obligation or accusation)
- Acquitted - declare you right, do justice, give him/her justice
- Acquittal – setting free from the charge of an offense by verdict, sentence or other legal process.

“For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. 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”. Rom 8:29,30

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--His good, pleasing and perfect will.” Rom 12:2

# GREEK:

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- δικαιόω dikaióō, dik-ah-yo'-o; from [G1342](#); to render (i.e. show or regard as) just or innocent: free, justify(-ier), be righteous
- to render righteous
- to show, exhibit, evince (to display clearly), one to be righteous
- to declare, pronounce, one to be just, righteous

# ENGLISH:

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- To be just, right, or reasonable
- To show or have had sufficient **legal reason**
- To judge regard or **treat** as righteous and worthy of salvation
- To be cleared
- To be set right with God

# GOD IS JUDGE

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- “Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?” Gen 18:25
- “But God is Judge; He puts down one and exalts another” Ps. 75:7
- “For the LORD is our judge, The LORD is our lawgiver, The LORD is our king; He will save us” Isa.33:22
- “And He will judge between many peoples And render decisions for mighty, distant nations.” Micah 4:3
- “And He will judge the world in righteousness; He will execute judgment for the peoples with equity.” Ps.9:8

**To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness:  
that he might be just, and the justifier of him  
which believeth in Jesus Rom. 3:26**

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# JUSTIFIED: USE IN SCRIPTURE

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- “Behold now, I have ordered my cause; I know that I shall be justified.” Job 13:18
- “How then can man be justified with God? Job 25:4a
- “In the Lord shall all the seed of Israel be justified and shall glory.” Isa.45:25
- “Against You, You only, have I sinned And done that which is evil in Your sight, So that You are justified when You speak [Your sentence] And faultless in Your judgment.” Ps. 51:4
- “Neither hath Samaria committed half of thy sins; but thou has multiplied thy abominations more than they, and hath justified thy sisters in all thine abominations which thou has done.” Ez.16:51



# USE IN SCRIPTURE

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- “And all the people that heard *him*, and the publicans, *justified* [G1344](#) *God*, being baptized with the baptism of John” Lk 7:29
- “I tell you, this man went down to his house *justified* [G1344](#) *rather* than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.” Luke 18:14
- “But he, willing to *justify* [G1344](#) *himself*, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbor?” Luke 10:29
- “For by thy words thou shalt be *justified*, [G1344](#) and by *thy words* thou shalt be *condemned*” Mat 12:37
- “And he said unto them, Ye are they which *justify* [G1344](#) yourselves before men; but *God knoweth your hearts*: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.” Luke 16:15
- “so Jesus spoke to them: “You are masters at making yourselves look good in front of others, but God knows what’s behind the appearance” (Amp.)

# GIVING OF THE LAW

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- “What purpose then does the law serve? It was **added because of transgression**, till the seed should come to whom the promises were made..” Gal 3:19
- “Therefore the law was **our tutor to bring us to Christ..**” Gal. 3:24
- “Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, **that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.**” Rom. 3:19
- God Righteousness vs. Self-righteousness Rom 10:3
- God’s Righteousness comes through faith in Jesus Christ.
- Israel erred thinking they could establish their own righteousness without trusting in God (confidence in the law of Moses)

# WHERE IS YOUR TRUST?

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- “Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help and rely on horses, who trust in chariots because they are many and of horsemen because they are very strong, but do not look to the Holy One of Israel or consult the Lord.” Isa 31:1
- Egypt - the world’s system
- Horses/Chariots – strength in numbers
- Does not look to nor consult God

This is what the LORD says: “Let no wise man **boast** of his wisdom, nor let the mighty man **boast** of his might, nor a rich man **boast** of his riches; but let the one who **boasts** **boast** of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who exercises **mercy**, **justice**, and **righteousness** on the earth; for I delight in these things,” declares the LORD. Jer. 9:23,24



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# CONDEMNATION

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- κατάκριμα *katákrima*, kat-ak'-ree-mah; from [G2632](#); an adverse sentence (the verdict):—condemnation.
- [Jhn 3:19](#) - And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.
- Pronouncements / Declarations
  - Sentence of death
  - Sentence of life
- Neither is a process
- Given by the Judge