

JUSTIFICATION

WHAT IS IT?

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

WHY DO WE NEED IT?

HEBREW: JUST, JUSTIFY, JUSTIFIED, VINDICATE

- 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:

- 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:

- 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

- “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

- “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

- “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

- “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?

- “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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Justification:

“The judicial act of God whereby He justly **declares** and **treats** as righteous the one who believes in Jesus Christ”

Redemption:

“Redemption - the action of regaining or gaining possession of something in exchange for **payment** or clearing a debt.

Condemnation:

“The judicial act of declaring one guilty, and dooming him to punishment”

“**Romans 3:21-26**”

²¹ But now the **righteousness of God** apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²² even the **righteousness of God**, through **faith in Jesus Christ**, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ being **justified freely by His grace** through the **redemption that is in Christ Jesus**, ²⁵ whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had **passed over** the sins that were **previously** committed, ²⁶ to demonstrate at the **present** time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the **one who has faith in Jesus.**

“The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are **revealed** belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.” Deut. 29:29

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were **redeemed** from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with **the precious blood of Christ**, a lamb without blemish or defect.
1 Pt. 1:18

THE OFFENSE IS THE SIN

- “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die”
Gen.2:16,17
- God’s command
- Penalty
- Time
- Justice

THE OFFENSE

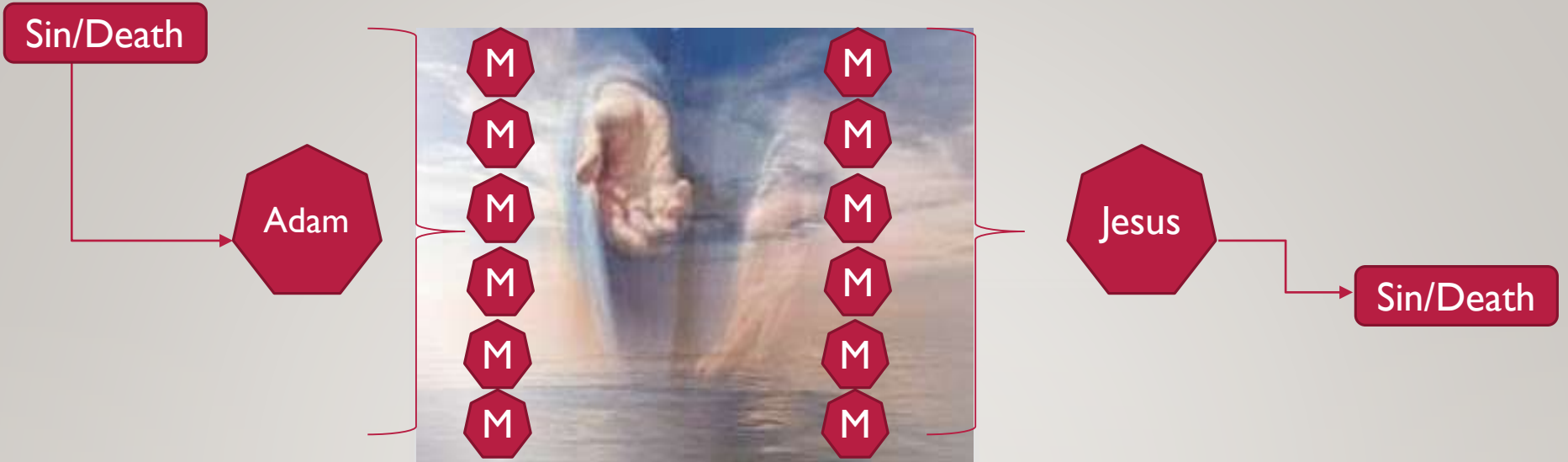
- Guilt, shame, fear, anger, murder, lying etc...(Ro. 1:18-32)
- Opened the door for sin/death Ro. 5:12
- Ushered in the reign of spiritual death Ro 5:14
- Man was pronounced guilty by God.
- Sin/Death were in the world legally. Luke 4:6
- “But your iniquities have made a **separation between you and your God**, And your sins have hidden His face from **you** so that He does not hear.”
Jeremiah 6:8

CHRIST AND ADAM CONTRAST

- “And so it is written, “The **first man Adam** became a living being.” The **last Adam** became a life-giving spirit.” 1 Cor. 15:45
- We further discover in Rom.5:15, the first Adam was a pattern (or figure, or type) of the one to come, the last Adam, Christ Jesus.
- One man - sin entered & death by sin vs. 12-14
- **Offense vs. Free Gift** vs. 15
- **Death comes to many: grace abounds to many**
- One offense - Judgement = condemnation vs. 16a
- Many offenses – Free gift = justification vs. 16b
- One man’s offense – death reigned vs. 17a
- Grace/Gift (righteousness) – reign vs. 17b
- Just as death reigns through the one offense, we reign through Jesus Christ (Grace/Righteousness)

CHRIST AND ADAM CONTRAST

- One **offense** – Judgement to all
= condemnation vs. 18a
- One **righteous act** – Free Gift
to all = Justification of life
vs. 18b
- One man **disobedience** many
were made sinners vs. 19a
- One man's **obedience** many
will be made righteous vs. 19b



One
Man's
offense

Resulted
in Death
to many

Many
offenses

Many
offenses
placed on
one Man

I:M:M:I

Sin/Death



Adam

Believer



Jesus

JUSTIFICATION THROUGH FAITH

- Gal 2:16
- 2 Cor 5:21
- 1 Cor 1:30
- Romans 8:2
- 1 Tim 3:16
- Rom 3:24
- Justification is by faith
- Made righteous
- Jesus is our righteousness
- Righteousness fulfilled
- Jesus justified by the Spirit
- Treats us with favor