

# JUSTIFICATION

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WHAT IS IT?

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

WHY DO WE NEED IT?

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**

<sup>21</sup> But now the **righteousness of God** apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, <sup>22</sup> even the **righteousness of God**, through **faith in Jesus Christ**, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> being **justified freely by His grace** through the **redemption that is in Christ Jesus**, <sup>25</sup> 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, <sup>26</sup> 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

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- “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

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- 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

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- “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

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- 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

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- Rom 3:23-25
- Gal 2:16
- 2 Cor 5:21
- 1 Cor 1:30
- Romans 8:2
- 1 Tim 3:16
- Rom 3:24
- Christ's righteousness
- Justification is by faith
- Made righteous
- Jesus is our righteousness
- Righteousness fulfilled
- Jesus justified by the Spirit
- Treats us with favor

# CHRIST'S JUSTIFICATION

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- 1 Tim 3:16
- Rom 1:4
- Rom 4:25
- Jesus justified in the Spirit
- Declared, by the resurrection
- Our justification through Christ's resurrection

# CHRIST'S DECLARATION

“And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, **justified in the Spirit**, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.” 1 Tim. 3:16

- “..tasted death for every man” Heb 2:9
- “he who knew no sin...” 2 Cor 5:21
- “..the soul who sins shall die..” Ez 18:4
- “..the wages of sin is death..”

# CHRIST'S DECLARATION

“..which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, **by the resurrection from the dead**” Rom 1:2-4

- “..Him God raised up on the third day and showed Him openly” Acts 10:40
- “which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand...” Eph. 1:20

# CHRIST'S DECLARATION

“I will declare **the decree**: The LORD has said to Me, “You are My Son, **Today** I have **begotten** You.” Psalms 2:7

“God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that he has **raised up Jesus**: as it is also written in the second Psalm, ‘You are my Son, Today I have begotten You.’ ” Acts 13:33

# RESULTS OF OUR JUSTIFICATION

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- God's gift of **Righteousness**
- God's gift of **Favor** (Ps. 2; Ro 3:25; Ps 5)
- God's gift of **Peace** (Ro 5:1)
- Peace - 1515 eirénē (from eirō, "to join, tie together into a whole") – properly, wholeness, i.e. when all essential parts are joined together; peace (**God's gift of wholeness**).
- God's **abundant** grace (Rom 5:17)
- **Confidence / Rejoicing**
  - **Ps. 34:2**
- **All promises God makes to the righteous**



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

