

Justification

Job 9:20 "If I justify myself, mine own mouth shall condemn me: if I say, I am perfect, it shall also prove me perverse." One cannot cleanse themselves, only by grace and thru the blood of Jesus Christ can one be cleansed.

James 3:2 "For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body."

What is justification?

Justification means - the act of pronouncing one righteous - **Romans 5:18** "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." The phrase "...justification of life." Means - justification which results in life.

Rom. 3:24, 28 "Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: (28) Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law."

A. The Nature of Justification.

1. It is Instantaneous.

- a. It is an act, and not a process. It occurs and is complete the moment the individual believes in the salvation in - Jesus Christ.
- b. The justification of the believer is always put in the past tense.
Rom. 5:9 "Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him." There is not in all the Bible the slightest hint of a continuous process in justification or by works.

2. It is Everlasting.

- a. When one is justified, he is justified for all eternity, or else Jesus Christ died in vain or must be crucified again. Justification can never be revoked or reversed. **Hebrews 10:10** "By the which

will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.” The word “sanctified” means – to be made holy, that is, to be purified – God did not purify us for us to fall, God did not send His Son to temporary redeem us, until we fall. God made us sanctified for eternity.

- b. Therefore, God asks in **Romans 8:33** “Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.” - Who shall accuse, or condemn, or so charge with crime of sin before the court of God as to cause their condemnation? God is the judge, jury, prosecutor, and defender. How can a sinner judge a sinner?
- c. Christ paid a full ransom and made a complete satisfaction for all believers; otherwise Christ would have to die again, or else the believer would come into condemnation for his future sins. - **Hebrews 6:4 - 6** "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, (5.) And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, (6.) If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame."
- d. **John 5:24** “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.”
- e. So far as the believer’s standing is concerned, he has already passed the judgment. He has stood trial and has been fully and everlastingly acquitted because Christ Jesus paid his debt on Calvary.
- f. **Hebrews 10:14** “For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.” - The sanctified and the justified are

one. If the sanctified are perfected forever, so are the justified. The perfection here is perfection of standing before God in Christ.

3. It is Gracious and Free.

- a. The sinner deserves nothing at the hands of God, except condemnation. Therefore, justification is wholly of grace.
- b. If not by grace, then it must have been earned and we know that is impossible. **Romans 4:2 - 7** "For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God. (3.) For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. (4.) Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. (5.) But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. (6.) Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, (7.) Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered."

B. The Benefits Of Justification.

1. We are Restoration to the Favor of God. - Justification does not merely free a man from the penalty of the law; it makes him in God's sight as one who has never broken the law. Justification makes the believer as innocent before God regarding his standing as Adam was before the fall.
2. It declares us the Adopted Children of God. - It is based on this redemption that we are justified. Adoption is the climax of justification. Christ took our place; therefore, when we believe on Him, we take His place as a son. - **Romans 8:16 - 17** "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: (17.) And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together."
3. Remember we were "transferred from the Devil's family to God's family

by adoption.” - **Colossians 1:13** “Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:”

4. We have Peace with God. - **Romans 5:1** “Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:”