

The Process of Justification

A. Definition

- 1) Justification – The act, process or state of being justified by God.
- 2) Justify – a) To prove or show to be just, right or reasonable. (Webster)
b) To judge, regard or treat as righteous or worthy of salvation. (Webster)
c) To live “Just as if you have never sinned” (ABC)

B. Your Justification Comes from God

- 1) Rom 8:33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.
- 2) Rom 3:24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:
- 3) Rom 5:9 being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.
- 4) 1Co 6:11 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.

C. Justification is Received through Your Faith

- 1) Rom 3:30 Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith.
- 2) Gal 3:8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.
- 3) Rom 3:20 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.
- 4) Rom 3:28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.
- 5) Gal 2:16 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.
- 6) Gal 3:11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.
- 7) Gal 3:24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith
- 8) Gal 5:4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

D. Receiving Your Justification Starts inside You

- 1) It is believed in your heart.
 - a) Luk 16:15 And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.
 - b) Rom 4:3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. Rom 4:5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.
 - c) Rom 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. Rom 10:10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
 - d) 1 Pet 1:16 Therefore, determine in your heart to be holy for God is holy.

- 2) It is spoken with your words
 - a) Mat 12:37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.
 - b) Rom 3:4 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.
 - c) Mat 12:34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. Mat 12:35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.
 - d) 2 Cor 5:21 Therefore affirm, "I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus."
- 3) It is acted upon in your life
 - a) Rom 2:13 For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.
 - b) Jas 2:21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Jas 2:22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect Jas 2:23 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. Jas 2:24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.
 - c) Jas 2:25 Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?
 - d) Rom 6:11 Therefore affirm "In the Name of Jesus, I reckon myself dead unto sin but alive to God through Christ Jesus my Lord."

E. The Benefits of Your Justification

- 1) Tit 3:7 That being justified by his grace, **we should be made heirs** according to the hope of eternal life.
- 2) 2Co 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 2Co 5:18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the **ministry of reconciliation**;
2Co 5:19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.
2Co 5:20 Now then we are **ambassadors for Christ**, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.
2Co 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that **we might be made the righteousness of God in him.**
- 3) 1Pe 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.
- 4) Rom 8:30 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

Reminder: Pro 23:7 For as you think in your heart, so are you.