

THE BIBLE WORD SERIES

A Brief Study of those Important Words found in the Bible that we need to understand, not just skip over.

JUSTIFICATION

"Justification" is a decision (a verdict) made by a judge that declares & considers me right (righteous) before a Holy & Perfect God (my guilt is paid for by another).

"Righteousness" is the legal position, as determined by a judge, that I have access to God's holiness, and that I am capable of being holy through the Holy Spirit.

"Condemnation" is a decision (a verdict) made by a judge that declares me guilty before a Holy & Perfect God (my guilt is paid for by me).

Romans 3:23 - There is no difference (exception); for all have sinned and fall short of the glory (righteousness) of God.

1. If we all have "fallen short" of God's righteousness (by inherited sin from Adam), then, we are all "condemned". ___Yes ___No

Romans 3:24-26 -...being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, Whom God set forth as a propitiation (acceptable payment for our guilty verdict) by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His patient long-suffering, God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

2. What payment was acceptable to pay for the guilty verdict to our condemnation?

3. Did God just overlook our guilt of inherited sin? ___Yes ___No

4. Did God still require someone to pay for our guilt? ___Yes ___No

5. Was that payment for our guilt acceptable to God? ___Yes ___No

6. When can this payment for the guilt of my inherited sin be claimed?

"to demonstrate at the _____ His righteousness,"

7. Who is the only one who can be the "just Judge"? _____

8. Who is the only one who can make me just? _____

The One Who can make me "just" (free of a guilty verdict) is the One Who "justifies" (issues an "innocent" verdict) me.

9. How can I be "justified"? "who has faith in _____."

John 5:24 - Jesus said, "Most assuredly I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him Who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment (condemnation), but has passed from death into life."

10. What do we have to do to be "justified"? _____

Could not the phrase "but has passed from death into life" also be "but has passed from the guilty verdict of "condemnation" into the not-guilty verdict of "righteousness".

THAT "NOT-GUILTY" VERDICT IS WHAT WE CALL "JUSTIFICATION".

The following verses serve as a summary about justification:

Romans 5:1 - Therefore, having been justified by faith (in the payment of Christ's death for my guilt - inherited sin), we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ

11. We are justified by what? _____

Romans 5:8-9 - But God demonstrates His love toward us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath (condemnation) through Christ.

12. We are justified by what? _____

Galatians 2:16 - Knowing that a man is not justified by obeying the works of the Law, but by faith in Jesus Christ For by the obeying of the works of the Law no man is justified.

13. Will keeping the Commandments justify us before a holy God? ___Yes ___No

Titus 3:7 - ...that having been justified by His (Christ's) grace, we should become heirs of the hope of eternal life.

14. What does being justified give us? _____

God's grace causes a Holy God to choose to love and accept a sinful man. This grace is not earned and no works or good deeds are accepted. We are allowed to do nothing to get it.

The Old Testament paints a great picture of "justification" (a non-guilty verdict and the legal position of having God's righteousness).

Isaiah 46:12-13 -Listen to Me, you stubborn-hearted, who are far from righteousness: I will bring My righteousness near, it shall not be far off; My salvation shall not linger, and I will place salvation in Zion (Israel)...

15. How is justification described? "I will bring My _____."

Isaiah 61:10 - For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness...

You and I have inherited the sin of Adam. We are guilty; we are condemned. We have no defense except "I am guilty". All we own are the rags of condemnation.

16. God declared me not guilty because of His grace - because of Jesus' death and resurrection. He replaced by hopeless rags with:

a. "Clothed me with _____ of _____."

b. "Covered me with the _____ of _____."

This is a picture of "justification".

17. Have you put your faith in Jesus' death on the cross for your sin? ___Yes ___No

If yes, you have been "justified".

If not, why not? Ask Him today.

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