

## JUSTIFICATION

1. Definition: Hebrew and Greek:

- to justify (verb)

**6663** **קָדַשׁ** *tsadaq* // **1344** **δικαιόω** *dikaioo*

- = to declare or pronounce not guilty
- = to clear one of a transgression or allegation of wrongdoing
- = to clear from any charge or imputation
- = to acquit, to absolve

- justification (noun)

**1345** **δικαίωμα** *dikaioma*

- = the act of God declaring men free from guilt and acceptable to Him
- = acquittal

2. Justification is a judicial declaration or pronouncement of righteousness carrying the force of law

3. Justification CANNOT be attained by works of the Law, by keeping the Law

- the Law requires obedience in all things
- all have sinned and are under the curse of the Law
- the Law's purpose is not justification but
  - to produce the knowledge of sin
  - to stop the excuses of sinners
  - to make everyone accountable to God
  - to lead us to Christ

(Rom 3:19-20; Gal 3:10, 24)

4. Justification is given as a gift of God's grace through the redemption in Jesus, our Go'el

**1432** **δωρεάν** *dorean*

= freely, without cost

5. Justification was without cost to us but it cost Jesus our Go'el His life-blood

6. By His blood we have been justified or counted righteous, by virtue of the propitiation in His blood; by dying Jesus became a curse for us

(Rom 3:23-25, 5:9; Gal 3:13)

7. Our justification was a demonstration of God's righteousness

- to justify the wicked is an abomination
  - Jesus paid for our sins with His blood
  - by His wounds we were healed of sin
  - having become the righteousness of God, we are justified = declared to be righteous
- God was just and justifier of sinners

(Rom 3:24-26; Pr 17:15; 1 Pet 2:24; 2 Cor 5:21)

8. Jesus died for our sins and He was raised as proof and confirmation of our justification

(Rom 4:25)

9. Justification is in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God

(1 Cor 6:11)

10. Justification is ours the moment we are saved by faith in Jesus and that faith is credited to us as righteousness

(Rom 3:26b, 4:5; Acts 13:39)

11. Justification is by faith alone, but the faith that results in justification is inevitably made evident by works that follow

(James 2:14-24)

12. Justification results in great benefits for us!

- a) having been reconciled, we have peace with God (Rom 5:1; Col 1:19-20)
- b) since it is God who has justified us, no man can condemn us or bring any charge against us (Rom 8:33-34)
- c) being justified we were made heirs according to the hope of eternal life (Titus 3:5-7)
- d) Jesus, whose blood justified us, will save us from God's wrath and condemnation (Rom 5:9; John 5:24)
- e) our justification guarantees our glorification (Rom 8:30)