

Justification and Sin.

Romans 4:25 *“Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.”*

Romans 5:15 - 18 *“But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. (16) And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. (17) For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) (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 very word “Justification” means - just or innocent – Vines says it means - signifying the establishment of a person as just by acquittal from guilt.

There is no question or doubt that God has rendered all mankind to be sinful and condemned by God Himself. **Romans 3:23** *“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;”* God went on to say in **Verse 20 of Romans 3** *“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.”* God has just declared that *“by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight”* Which means that no person can do anything to redeem themselves from their sins. Mankind is condemned to eternal hell for their sins against God, and our sins began with the sin of damnation by Adam.

A. If one will be redeemed, that redemption must come through and only through Jesus Christ.

1. Why must it come through Jesus Christ and only through Him? **Romans 3:9-11**

“What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.”

2. Jesus Christ is the Redeemed of the world, but only if we believe in Him. **Galatians**

3:21-22 *“Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had*

been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law. But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.”

3. And Justification only comes to us through Jesus Christ but also by the power of God.

Romans 8:29-33 *“For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. 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. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? **It is God that justifieth.**”* – meaning it is God that gives us an acquittal from our guilt of sin. And God elected to do that through Jesus Christ and His blood.

4. But not only by Jesus Christ, but also the power of the Holy Spirit. **1 Corinthians 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.”*

B. What does it mean to be justified?

1. To one day stand in God’s presence pure and just. **Ephesians 1:3-6** *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.”*
2. How is this possible? We are sinful. Because of the glorious work and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. **Ephesians 2:11-13** *“Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.”*

3. Let us remember, God did not just overlook our sins, Jesus Christ was our redemptive sacrificial Lamb. **Hebrews 9:11 - 12** *"But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; (12) Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us."*
4. The blessing to us is to have God to cleanse our debt, to have them never remembered ever again. **Hebrews 8:12** *"For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more."* - **Hebrews 10:16 - 18** *"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; (17) And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. (18) Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin."* – Because what God hath cleansed never needs to be cleansed again.

C. This doesn't mean we will never sin again.

1. **1 John 3:7 - 9** *"Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. (8) He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. (9) Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God."*
2. This does not mean we will never sin as Christians. But sin does not affect us as it does the lost, we are eternally God's children, we are eternally born of God adopted as children, not temporal but eternal. This is called "Preservation of the saints".
3. The blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin, past sins, present sins, and future sins. Therefore, while we do sin, *"for his seed remaineth in him:"*. Therefore, God will never leave nor forsake us, *"because he is born of God."*
4. **Micah 7:7 - 9** *"Therefore I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me. (8) Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD shall be a light unto me. (9) - I will bear the indignation of the LORD, because I have sinned against him, until he*

*plead my cause, and execute judgment for me: he will bring me forth to the light, and
I shall behold his righteousness.”*