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# JUSTIFICATION

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# DEFINITIONS

Just, Justice, Justification

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# JUST

Guided by Truth, Reason, Justice, Fairness

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# JUSTICE

Quality of Righteousness, Equitableness, or Moral Rightness





# JUSTIFICATION

A Reason, Fact, Circumstance, or Explanation that Defends





# JUSTIFICATION (THEOLOGY)

The act of God whereby humankind is made or accounted free from guilt or penalty of sin



# JUSTIFICATION

The great Gospel blessing which Christ secures to each believer in him.

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# FORGIVENESS

Pardon of sin





# ETERNAL LIFE

Promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness

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# RIGHTEOUSNESS



What is right and pleasing to God; Faultless.

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# Strive and Mature

## **Matthew 5:10**

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven

## **Hebrews 5:13–14 (NLT)**

<sup>13</sup>For someone who lives on milk is still an infant and doesn't know how to do what is right.

<sup>14</sup>Solid food is for those who are mature, who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong.

## **Matthew 6:33**

Strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

# Old Testament Examples



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Noah is described as a righteous man (Gen. 6:9; 7:1);

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Abraham believed God, and the Lord “reckoned it to him as righteousness” (Gen. 15:6).

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In Gen. 30:33 Jacob claims to be righteous (NRSV, “honest”).

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Israel’s entry into the Promised Land was God’s promise, not their righteousness (Deut. 9:4–6).

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In Lev. 19:36 and Deut. 25:15 righteousness entails using the right weights and measures.

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Deut. 4:8 declares that the Lord is righteous.

# New Testament Example

## Romans 1:17 (NLT)

<sup>17</sup>This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, “It is through faith that a righteous person has life.”

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It is bestowed not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood.



# Not Works, Faith

## **Romans 3:21–26 (NLT)**

<sup>21</sup>But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago.

<sup>22</sup>We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.

<sup>23</sup>For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

<sup>24</sup>Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.

<sup>25</sup>For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past,

<sup>26</sup>for he was looking ahead and including them in what he would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is fair and just, and he makes sinners right in his sight when they believe in Jesus.

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# THE REDEEMER'S BLOOD

His perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of God



# Ascribed to Us

## **2 Corinthians 5:20–21 (NLT)**


<sup>20</sup>So we are Christ's ambassadors;  
God is making his appeal through  
us. We speak for Christ when we  
plead, "Come back to God!"

<sup>21</sup>For God made Christ, who never  
sinned, to be the offering for our  
sin, so that we could be made right  
with God through Christ.



# Result 1


Brings us into a state of most  
blessed peace and favor with  
God

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# Result 2

Secures every other blessing  
needful for time and eternity

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• TO TAKE INTO HEAVEN? ○