

JUSTIFICATION

1 Cor 6:9-11 And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

This means we are washed completely and fully (sins washed away) made holy, sanctified and made **completely innocent** and free by the atonement that Jesus Christ made for us.

Luke 18:9-13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

If we have confidence in our own righteousness, (***Our righteousness is as filthy rags***) we are not justified, but if we have confidence in what **Jesus Christ has done**, we are justified.

The publican or tax collector realized his sinfulness and called out to God in repentance and was justified where as the Pharisee did not recognize his sinfulness because he was deceived in thinking that he was righteous in himself.

Romans 4:5 However, to the man who ***does not work*** but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness.

We must not try to work to be justified. Justification only comes by faith, ***completely*** trusting in Jesus Christs' sacrifice for us on the cross and his resurrection from the dead

Romans 5:9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

We are safe in Jesus if ***we trust Him as Lord and Savior***. We are delivered, protected, saved, and healed from our sins.

Romans 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access ***by faith*** into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

By the grace of God, that **unmerited favor** that He has shown us, we are justified. (made innocent before God)

All of Gods' promises of salvation and being justified ***are conditional***. First we must acknowledge Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior- then we must continue to live our lives in Him and obey His commandments

1 John 2:27-29 As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is

real, not counterfeit-- just as it has taught you, remain in him. 28 And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming. 29 If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him.

Gal 3:24-29 So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith. 25 Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the law. 26 You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, 27 for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

We ***must*** belong to Christ in order to be justified and ***remain justified***.

Col 1:20-23 and *through him* to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace *through his blood*, shed on the cross. 21 Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. 22 But now he has *reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death* to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation--23 if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

That which separated us from God is now closed up and we have been reconciled to Him.
(Brought together)

Isaiah 43:25 "I-even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.

Our sins have been blotted out! Rubbed out! Erased!! Wiped out!! Through Jesus Christ. we are justified, made innocent before God. ***Just-If-I'd-*** never sinned ❤️

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