

Justified not Qualified (Part 1)

None of us qualify for the favor of God or to be used by God.

Isa 59:2

- So according to this, sin and iniquity disqualify us from the favor of God.
- Then romans 3:23 says that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God.
- Then we read in 1 John 1:8 that we have sin right now, 1 John 1:10 says we have sinned and 1 John 2:1 says we will sin.
- And for those self-righteous Christians that don't think they have any sin in their life right now, look at these two scriptures:
 - o Romans 14:23 tells us that whatsoever is not of faith is sin. So, if you have walked in any kind of fear or have not trusted God in some area of your life big or small, you have committed sin. Think about the little things you didn't pray about today or ask God to lead you in. That's sin according to this scripture.
 - o James 4:17 tells us that if we know to do good and don't do it, that's sin. So, we all know that we need to pray more or study the word more or be more of a light to the world, but we don't do it. Therefore, that is sin.
- So according to all these scriptures, we all have some sort of sin, and we all disqualify and will continue to disqualify as far as sin is concerned.

But even though sin has disqualified, Jesus has justified us.

Isa 53:11

- Now Isa said that our iniquities separate us from the favor of God, but that was before Jesus went to the cross. Jesus has now justified us by bearing our iniquities or the things that disqualify us on the cross receiving our judgement for them.
- Now we are not qualified but we are justified.
 - o Qualified means I deserve it because of what I have done or can do.
 - o Justified means I deserve it because of what He has done for me.
 - o I am justified to receive from God, to talk to God, to be in His presence because what separated me before has been bore and judged in Jesus.
- A good definition of being justified is it's just as if I'd never sinned. God sees me just as if I'd died on the cross for my own sin. So, through Jesus Christ when God looks at me, He sees me as if I had never sinned a day in my life. He sees me as someone that is worthy of everything he has.
- Romans 6:3-6
 - o Baptized here is not referring to water baptism but it carries the same meaning which is to be immersed or submerged into something.
 - o We have been immersed into the death of Jesus which means that when Jesus died on the cross, he enveloped all of us into that death.

- So therefore, to God it's as if we have already died and been judged for our sin past, present, and future in Jesus's death.
 - If we have been baptized or immersed or enveloped in the death of Jesus, we've also been baptized into his resurrection.
 - We now have through Jesus His resurrected life to enjoy. When God sees us, He sees us as if we have already died for our sins on the cross and have been resurrected a new man in Jesus Christ.
 - The old man is the man of sin worthy of judgment. But he died with Jesus on the cross. He was enveloped into that death. Now the new man that we are is just like the resurrected Jesus perfect and righteous who is not worthy of anymore death or judgement.
- So, the problem with the church receiving and being used today is that we are trying to qualify (which we never will) instead of just receiving our justification through Jesus Christ.
 - When you are basing your worthiness to receive from God on your works instead of what Jesus has done for you, you are trying to qualify. But when you are basing your worthiness on the works of Jesus at the cross then you believe that you are justified.
 - If we are going to see God move like we want to see Him move, we are going to have to quit putting the burden of Him moving on ourselves and put it on Jesus. We need to begin to say I receive everything God has for me not because I qualify but because I am justified through the suffering of Jesus.

Rom 3:30; Gal 3:8; Acts 13:39; Gal 2:16

- Notice that we are justified through faith, not our works.
- Jesus bore the things that disqualify us at the cross and paid the price for them. Now by faith we believe in what He did and receive the justification He made for us.
- So, you are justified to be blessed and used by God not by your works but by your faith.
- Once again quit putting the burden of God moving on your works.

Rom 5:1

- We have peace with God.
- Through this justification by faith, we are at peace with God. God is no longer against us but is for us.
- Sometimes if I do something stupid to my wife and she gets aggravated with me, I'm not going to go around her in that moment and I'm sure not going to ask her to do something or expect her to do something for me. I am disqualified in that moment.
- But the thing with God is you never disqualify when it comes to asking Him for something or needing something from Him. You have peace with God, and you can come before Him anytime and qualify for it because you are justified by faith.

- James 1:5 amp “If any of you is deficient in wisdom, let him ask of [b]the giving God [Who gives] to everyone liberally and ungrudgingly, without reproaching or faultfinding, and it will be given him.”
- When you ask God for something, He doesn't try to find fault with you or try to find something that disqualifies you from receiving. He knows there is nothing you can do that will disqualify you because Jesus bore the judgement for all of that.
- The only thing that will keep you from receiving from God is not having faith that you have been justified in Jesus!!!!