



BOOK 03 – CHAPTER 04 – STUDY 03

B3-C04-S03- Justification Being Cleared Before God

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Understanding Justification.

Many confuse Justification with Sanctification, but they are not the same. Justification is when a person is declared innocent before YHWH, while Sanctification is when that person is made holy through the Word and the Spirit. Justification clears the record of sin; Sanctification removes the desire for sin. One is a verdict, the other is a transformation. The believer cannot remain justified without continuing in sanctification, because righteousness must be maintained through obedience to the Word.

The first thing that we need to do as good disciples is to learn what the true biblical meaning for Justification is and then search the scriptures to learn what we need to be Justified.

Justified: Strong's Number: G1344

Strong's Definition: **to render** (that is show or regard as) **just or innocent.**

Justification: Strong's Number There are plenty of lies and misunderstanding about how a person is Justified righteous!

So instead of trying to break down the lies, we will just go directly to the word and trace its origins and end.

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Strong's Definition: **acquittal** (for Christ' s sake)

So now we can understand that to be Justified means to be rendered just or innocent. In other words, to be made clear of any wrongdoing or debts against YHWH. This is where the understanding of having a clear conscience toward YHWH comes in handy. Please refresh your knowledge with B2-C02-S06- "A Good Conscience Toward God".

And of course, there is always more to it, so just hang in there in your studies!

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What do we need to be Justified? Rather than the common teaching that we are Justified “Freely” by grace alone or faith alone, the gospel has much to say to that ridiculous teaching!

There is a divine order in salvation that never changes. We are washed through baptism, sanctified by the Word and Spirit, and justified by faith and obedience. (**1 Corinthians 6:11**). The washing prepares the vessel, sanctification purifies it, and justification declares it righteous before YHWH. None of these steps can be skipped or replaced by human reasoning or tradition.

The gospel tells us that we need 5 simple things in order to be Justified:

1. **A Sacrifice-** Justification by Christ’s sacrifice on the cross.
 - a. **Romans 5:9 (KJV)** Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.
2. **Believe-** Justification by Believing.
 - a. **Acts 13:39 (KJV)** And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.
3. **Faith-** Justification by Faith.
 - a. We are Justified by faith. (No tense) **Galatians 2:16 (KJV)** Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of “Christ” (יהושוע Jehoshua Hamashiach), even we have believed in “Christ” (יהושוע Jehoshua Hamashiach),
 - b. We are being Justified by faith. (Present Tense) **Romans 3:28 (KJV)** Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.
Romans 5:1 (KJV) Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with YHWH through our Lord “Christ” (יהושוע Jehoshua Hamashiach):

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- c. We might be Justified by faith. **(Future tense) Galatians 3:24 (KJV)** Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Hamashiach, that we might be justified by faith.
 - d. Justification is **NOT** by faith alone. **James 2:24 (KJV)** Ye see then how that by works **a man is justified**, and **not by faith only**.
 - e. Justification **NOT** by faith 1 verse.
4. **Good Works-** Justification by doing Good works.
- a. **James 2:24-25 (KJV)** Ye see then how that **by works a man is justified**, and not by faith only. Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?
5. **YHWHs Grace-** Justification is by Grace.
- a. **Titus 3:7 (KJV)** That being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.
Romans 3:24 (KJV) Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in “Christ” (יהושוע Jehoshua Hamashiach):

Now that we have the scriptures that tell us ways that we are justified, we need to ask ourselves some specific questions. For example, now that we know that justification is also by Grace, we would ask “what do we need to do in order to receive that grace”. Or in the case of faith, then “what do we need to do in order to have the type of faith that will produce that justification”.

1. **A Sacrifice:** We all should know by now about the perfect lamb that was sacrificed for us in order to have an opportunity to live an eternal life with YHWH and “Christ” (יהושוע Jehoshua Hamashiach).
2. **Believing.** At this point of study, you should also automatically know what you need to believe in order to be Justified in the eyes of YHWH. See B2-C01-S10- “Believing Nearer to Salvation, Not Saved”.

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3. **Faith.** This part about faith you should also know by now. See B2-C02-S03- “Faith That Leads to Salvation” to refresh your knowledge on faith. So here is a quick breakdown for the purpose of this present more detailed study. I will explain faith now and break it down with scripture afterward.

The Holy Spirit is the one that gives us the faith we need, but in order to increase that faith we have to hear the word of YHWH and be obedience to His commandments. The same Spirit that sanctifies also justifies, but only in agreement with the Word. The Spirit will never justify what the Word condemns. When we obey the commandments of YHWH, the Spirit confirms that obedience by clearing our record of guilt. This means justification is not only declared; it is witnessed by the Holy Spirit through our obedience. Obedience to baptism, obedience to having a clear conscience, obedience to having virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, and charity all add to our faith. **But the obedience to His commandments and doing His good works are the only 2 things that brings us to “PERFECTING” our faith.** See B3-C02-S02- “Good Works Evidence, Not Earning” to refresh on what are the good works that YHWH requires of us.

Here is the scriptural breakdown:

- a. The Holy Spirit gives us the Faith we need. **1 Corinthians 12:9 (KJV)** To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;
1 Corinthians 6:11 (KJV) And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord “Christ” (יהושוע Jehoshua Hamashiach), and by the Spirit of our God.
- b. Our faith grows by hearing the word of YHWH. **Rom 10:17 (KJV)** So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of YHWH.

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- c. **Obedience to baptism increases our faith. Col 2:12 (KJV)** Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of YHWH, who hath raised Him from the dead.
 - d. **Obedience to having a good and clear conscience toward YHWH increases our faith. 1 Tim 3:9 (KJV)** Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.
 - b. **Having** Virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness and charity adds to Faith. **2 Peter 1:5-7 (KJV)** And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; **6** And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; **7** And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.
 - c. **The end of obedience to the commandments is perfect faith 1 Tim 1:5 (KJV)** Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:
 - e. Good works to perfect faith. **James 2:22 (KJV)** Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? Faith begins the work of justification, but obedience and sanctification perfect it. Just as faith without works is dead, justification without sanctification is temporary. The justified man must keep his garments white by walking in the Spirit daily, proving his faith through obedience.
4. **Good works.** At this point of study, you should automatically know why good works is needed to maintain your salvation and therefore give you a great head start to understand about Justification. If you need to refresh that, then please go back to B3-C02-S02- “Good Works Evidence, Not Earning”.
5. **Grace.** The question here may be, “what do we need or what do we have to do in order to be Justified righteous in the eyes of YHWH”? and “How do we receive His Grace”? See B2-C02-S04- “Grace and Mercy Within God’s Conditions“ for review.

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The **ONLY** way we have “**ACCESS**” to YHWHs grace for Justification is through obedience and faith in Christ. **Romans 1:5 (KJV)** By whom we have received grace and apostleship, **for obedience to the faith** among all nations, for his name:

Romans 5:2 (KJV) **By whom also we have access by faith into this grace** wherein we stand and rejoice in hope of the glory of YHWH.

So, faith and obedience to YHWHs commandments is where everything pretty much falls under. But it is VERY important to ask, how is it that we receive that faith. Is this faith instant because our Father automatically love us and we are awesome like that or do we have to earn it somehow? Answered in the next point. YHWH does not automatically love us just because we are humans. See B3-C02-S01- “Love Proven Only Through Obedience” if you do not believe we receive YHWH’s love ONLY through obedience to His commandments.

So, Justification does not come just by doing nothing, especially using the lame excuse that we have already earned justification because we believe or say that we have faith!

Hopefully you noticed that some of the verses for Justification say that we may, might, should, are being or will be Justified. This shows that justification is not an instant or unconditional status; it depends on obedience and endurance. If it were automatic, men would claim righteousness while still walking in rebellion. YHWH delays full justification until repentance and obedience are proven. This waiting is mercy; it gives time for transformation. Just as sanctification takes time to purify the believer, justification unfolds through continued faithfulness, not empty belief. And it is all because, we are not automatically Justified like Satan wants us to believe!

As we have verified all through every study we have done, there is always something that YHWH requires of us. There are always some things that we have to do or fulfill in order to receive what has been promised.

In other words, we need to qualify and “**WORK OUR OWN SALVATION**” to receive what YHWH has to offer to us! **Philippians 2:12 (KJV)** Wherefore,

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my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.**

You might need to read the following verse several times to get it!

James 2:20-23 (KJV) But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? **21** Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? **22** Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? **23** Then hear thou in heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, condemning the wicked, to bring his way upon his head; and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness.

The scripture tells us that YHWH will Justify the righteous. So, righteousness comes first!

Justification opens the door, Sanctification walks the path, and Righteousness is the destination. The blood of Christ opens the way, the Word and the Spirit cleanse the way, and obedience keeps us walking on it. If a disciple stops at justification, he will never reach holiness. But if he continues in sanctification, he will finish his course justified and righteous before YHWH.

James 2:23 (KJV) Then hear thou in heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, condemning the wicked, to bring his way upon his head; and **justifying the righteous**, to give him according to his righteousness.

2 Chronicles 6:23 (KJV) Then hear thou from heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, by requiting the wicked, by recompensing his way upon his own head; and **by justifying the righteous**, by giving him according to His righteousness.

So now this gives us even more to study 😊

Do you see why YHWH commands us to “Study to shew thyself approved unto YHWH, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth”. 2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV).

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