

# Great Words from the Gospels

**JUSTIFICATION**

Guilty as charged but free to walk...



## Romans 5:1 (niv)

What does it mean to be “*justified*?”

*‘To be made right. To be declared free of blame. To be freed of the guilt and the penalty attached to a crime.’*



# Justification is an act of acquittal

Acquittal means to be '*exonerated, released or freed.*'

Our acquittal is given to us as a result of Jesus' finish work on the cross



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**Romans 1:17** (nlt)

*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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**Romans 3:28** (nkjv)

*Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.*



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**Romans 5:1** (nkjv)

*Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Galatians 2:16** (niv)



## To be acquitted requires only legal innocence

God knows (*and we know*) we are guilty of offending heaven's law through our sin.

We are innocent of all charges, and free of all penalties on the basis of the transfer of our guilt onto Jesus and His innocence onto us.



## Our Justification is a heavenly verdict

The entire transaction of being justified is heavenly and not earthly.

It is based solely upon the merits of Jesus and His substitutionary death.



# Three benefits of our Justification

## 1. A Full Pardon

**Galatians 1:4** (niv)

Based on the innocence of Jesus, God is able to acquit us, because Jesus has given to us the full measure of His own righteousness.



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**1 John 1:9** (niv)

*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

*Justification* responds to our plea with a full pardon.



## Three benefits of our Justification

Pardon means *'the remission of punishment due to us and being fully released of any penalty owing to us because of our sin.'*

Because of our faith in the sacrifice of Jesus, even though we are actually guilty, God treats us as though we are innocent.



## Three benefits of our Justification

God's incredible grace and mercy is expressed to us in:

**Micah 7:18-19** (nlt) *Where is another God like you, who pardons the sins of the survivors among His people? You cannot stay angry with Your people forever, because You delight in showing mercy. 19: Once again You will have compassion on us. You will trample our sins under Your feet and throw them into the depths of the ocean!*



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God's incredible grace and mercy is expressed to us in:

**Isaiah 55:7** (nlt) *Let the people turn from their wicked deeds. Let them banish from their minds the very thought of doing wrong! Let them turn to the Lord that He may have mercy on them. Yes, turn to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.*



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## 2. Complete Forgiveness

God, however, has not only pardoned us, but has also turned aside His anger by forgiving us of our offences! He bears no ill will toward us.



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**Psalms 85:2-3** (gw) *You removed your people's guilt.  
You pardoned all their sins. You laid aside all your fury.  
You turned away from your burning anger.*

**Ephesians 1:7** (gw)  
*Through the blood of His Son,  
we are set free from our sins.  
God forgives our failures because  
of His overflowing kindness.*



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## 3. Enjoying Inner Peace

**Romans 5:1** (nlt) *Therefore, since we have been made right (justified) in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.*



## Three benefits of our Justification

It's futile to remain under guilty oppression for crimes of sin which we are no longer considered guilty!

**Acts 13:38-39** (nlt) *Brothers, listen! In this man Jesus there is forgiveness for your sins. 39: Everyone who believes in Him is freed from all guilt and declared right with God - something the Jewish law could never do.*



## ...Conclusion

Justification must also include our reconciliation back with God.

If not, we might find ourselves in the unhappy position of being only released criminals.



## ...Conclusion

If God reckons us to be innocent of all sin, then He will naturally treat us as someone innocent of all sin.



## ...Application

The reality is that we will sin - but as we apply and live by **1 John 1:9** (niv) *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*



## ...Application

We will continue to experience the benefits of our justified state in Christ being;

**Fully pardoned**

**Completely forgiven**

**Enjoying inner peace.**

