

WHO
ARE
YOU

Really?

I AM MADE ...

IN THE
IMAGE
OF GOD



in Christ

WHO
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YOU

Really?

I am
JUSTIFIED

Justify – Definition

- To prove or show to be just, right, or reasonable.
 - Trying to justify selfish behavior;
 - “I shouldn't have to justify myself to them.”
- To show to have had a sufficient legal reason.
 - **Merriam-Webster Dictionary**

Justify – Definition

- **In the Bible it is a legal term, a forensic term, a term from the courtroom.**
 - It means “to declare, pronounce, one to be just, righteous...to declare guiltless one accused or who may be accused, acquit of a charge or reproach.” **(Thayer)**
 - It does not mean one is **made** righteous, it means one is **declared** righteous, one who is guilty but is viewed as and declared not guilty; innocent; free to go.
 - The record has been wiped away.

Justification by Faith

- **Justification by faith is a theme that runs throughout the book of Romans.**
 - *“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation ...”* **(Romans 1:16)**
 - *“... and are justified by his grace ...”* **(Romans 3:24)**
 - *“Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood ...”* **(Romans 5:9)**

Blessings of Justification – IN CHRIST!

Romans 5:1-11

1) Peace with God!

- *“Therefore, since we have been justified with Christ, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (5:1)*

2) Hope of the Glory of God!

- *“... and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.” (5:2)*

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3) **Glory in Tribulations!**

- Notice the progression:
 - *“Sufferings ...”* **(5:3)**
 - Produce *“endurance ...”* **(5:3)**
 - Produces *“character ...”* **(5:4)**
 - Produces *“hope ...”* **(5:4)**
 - And finally, *“hope does not put us to shame!”* **(5:5)**
- Our response — we *“rejoice in our sufferings!”* **(5:3)**

Rejoice in Our Sufferings?

12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something

*“Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds!” **(James 1:2)***

*rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. **(1 Peter 4:12-14)***

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4) Saved From Wrath!

- *“Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.” (5:9)*

5) A New Relationship!

- *“More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have not received reconciliation.” (5:11)*

How Does One Become Justified?

- **By faith!**

- *“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith ...” (Romans 5:1)*
- *“... yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ ...” (Galatians 2:16)*

- **Can one be justified without faith?**

- *“And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who diligently seek him.” (Hebrews 11:6)*

Does Being “*Justified by Faith*” Mean We Don’t Have To Do Any Works?

- ⁸ *For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,* ⁹ *not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”* **(Ephesians 2:8-9)**
- *“For we are his workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”* **(Ephesians 2:10)**
- *“You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.”* **(James 2:24)**

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- “So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of God.” **(Romans 10:17)**
- “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.” **(Mark 16:16)**
- “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” **(Acts 2:38)**
- “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven!” **(Matthew 7:21)**

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