



Message Two: Justification
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When Adam sinned, the consequences of his sin are inherited by all humanity:

Guilt	—————>	<u>Justification</u>
Depravity	—————>	<u>Sanctification</u>
Inability	—————>	<u>Regeneration</u>

Today, we continue of study of the doctrine of salvation and turn our attention to *JUSTIFICATION*.

Romans 8:29-30, For those God foreknew he also predestined... and those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. (NIV)

Justification is “the divine pronouncement of God that, being in Christ Jesus, we are declared righteous, free from guilt, and without condemnation, thereby acceptable to him.”

THE COURTROOM

In this courtroom, the judge is **God**.

Romans 2:16, This is the message I proclaim—that the day is coming when God, through Jesus Christ, will judge everyone’s secret life. (NLT)

2 Timothy 4:1, *When Christ Jesus comes as king, he will be the judge of everyone, whether they are living or dead.* (CEV)

He is just and righteous in all his actions.

Deuteronomy 32:4, *All his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and right is he.* (NIV)

The standard by which we are judged is his **holiness**.

Romans 3:23, Everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. (NLT)

THE CONDEMNED

Romans 5:18-19, Adam's one sin brings condemnation for everyone...Because one person disobeyed God, many became sinners. (NLT)

Because of **inherited sin** and **personal sin**, we each stand condemned before God.

THE CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

Romans 3:21-27, *But now a righteousness from God, apart from the Law has been made known...This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ...for all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, but we are justified freely by his grace through the redemption which came by Christ Jesus. God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood...he did it to demonstrate his justice, so as to be just and the one who justifies...A man is justified by faith.*

Everyone is a **sinner**.

Justification is a **gift** of **grace**.

Redemption through Jesus' blood is the only means this free gift could be offered.

Therefore, God is both **just** and the **justifier**.

We can only be justified by **faith** not **good works**.

Romans 5:1-9, Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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...We also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope...Just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly...God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! (NIV)

We are **reconciled** to God and are at peace with him.

We have new **standing** and live in God's **favor**.

We rejoice in our new **hope**.

We have a new **interpretation** of life's challenges.

We have been **rescued** from the coming wrath of God.