



# THE DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION

Justification: <G1344> δικαιοῶ, dikaiōō—

Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words

Usage Notes: primarily, "to deem to be right," signifies, in the NT, (a) "to show to be right or righteous;" in the Passive Voice, to be justified, Matt. 11:19; Luke 7:35; Rom. 3:4; 1 Tim. 3:16; (b) "to declare to be righteous, to pronounce righteous," (1) by man, concerning God, Luke 7:29 (see Rom. 3:4, above); concerning himself, Luke 10:29; Luke 16:15; (2) by God concerning men, who are declared to be righteous before Him on certain conditions laid down by Him. . . .



# THE DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION

Justification: <G1344> δικαιοῶ, dikaiōō—

Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words

Ideally the complete fulfillment of the law of God would provide a basis of "justification" in His sight, Rom. 2:13. But no such case has occurred in mere human experience, and therefore no one can be "justified" on this ground, Rom. 3:9-20; Gal. 2:16; Gal. 3:10, 11; Gal. 5:4. . . . "justification" being the legal and formal acquittal from guilt by God as Judge, the pronouncement of the sinner as righteous, who believes on the Lord Jesus Christ. . . . "Justification" is primarily and gratuitously by faith, subsequently and evidentially by works.



# THE DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION

Justification: <G1344> δικαιόω, dikaiōō—

❖ “1. to prove or show to be just, or conformable to law, right, justice, propriety, or duty; to defend or maintain; to vindicate as right. 2. to declare free from guilt or blame; to absolve; to clear.” (Webster, p. 993)

❖ “be acquitted, be pronounced and treated as righteous” (Arndt and Gingrich, p. 197)



# THE DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION

Justification: <G1344> δικαιοῶ, dikaiōō—

- ◆ Simply put, justification means that one stands right(eously) before God.
- ◆ Man cannot be right with God without:
  - ❖ God's means of salvation – (love, grace & mercy)
  - ❖ Man's living by faith, (obeying God by faith) Rom. 1:16,16; 4:5; 6:16-19; James 2:14-26



# THE DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION

## Man's Need For Justification

- ◆ Sin and death entered the world through Adam - Gen 3; Rom 5:12,
- ◆ Has passed to all men because all have sinned - Rom 3:9,19,23; 5:12; Ezekiel 18:21-32
- ◆ Sin separates men from God – Isa. 59:1,2
- ◆ The wages of sin is death - Rom 6:23
- ◆ God's wrath is coming - Rom 1:18; Eph 5:6; Col 3:6;



# THE DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION

## Things Ineffectual In Justifying Man

- ◆ **Supposed partiality on the part of God - Rom. 2:5-11**
- ◆ **Self-justification - Lk. 10:29; 16:15**
- ◆ **The Law of Moses - Acts 13:39; Rom. 3:19-20; 4:4; Gal. 5:4**
- ◆ **Works of Merit – Eph 2:8,9; Lk. 18:11-12; Jn. 1:29**
- ◆ **Man's ways or teaching - Rom. 10:1-3; Matt. 15:9; Gal. 1:8-9**



# THE DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION

## Things Necessary For Our Justification

- ◆ **Grace** - through the redemption that is in Christ – Rom 3:24; Titus 3:7
- ◆ **Jesus' blood** - saved from wrath in Him – Rom 5:9
- ◆ **Our faith** –we have peace with God – Rom 5:1;
- ◆ **Our obedience** – (which is by faith) - James 2:14-26; Rom 4:12; 6:16-18



# THE DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION

**God's  
Universal  
Kindness,  
Love &  
Mercy.**

**The  
Basis of  
Justification**

**The Gracious  
Gift of God's  
Son & The  
Gospel**

**The  
Conditions  
of  
Justification**

**Faith – Repentance –  
Confession – Baptism  
- Faithfulness**

**The  
Provision  
of  
Justification**



# THE DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION

## The Example of Abraham

The term  
“works” in  
this context  
is not  
equivalent to  
obedience to  
the gospel -  
(Rom. 1:5;  
2:7,8; 6:3-  
6,16-18;  
16:25,26)

### Romans 4:1-4 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> What then shall we say that Abraham our father has found according to the flesh?  
<sup>2</sup> For if Abraham was justified by works, he has *something* to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup> For what does the Scripture say? "*Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.*" <sup>4</sup> Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt.

# THE DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION

## The Example of Abraham

NOT by  
fleshly  
decent  
OR Works of  
the Law –  
3:27

He believed  
God – Gen  
15:6  
By grace –  
Not debt!

### Romans 4:1-4 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> What then shall we say that Abraham our father has found according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup> For if Abraham was justified by works, he has *something* to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup> For what does the Scripture say? "*Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.*" <sup>4</sup> Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt.

# THE DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION

## The Example of Abraham

Romans 4:12 (NKJV)

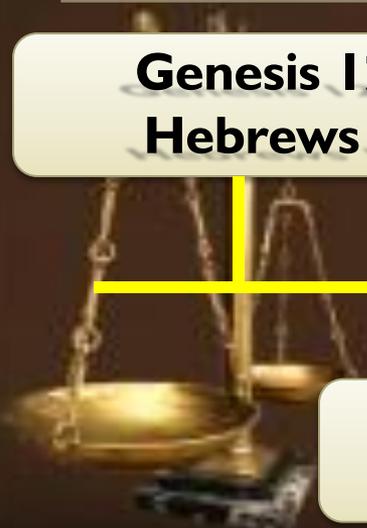
and the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also walk in the steps of the faith which our father Abraham had while still uncircumcised.

**Genesis 12:1-4**  
**Hebrews 11:8**

**Genesis 15:6**  
**Romans 4:1-4,12**

**Genesis 13:4**  
**Hebrews 11:9**

**Genesis 22:3,12,16,18**  
**James 2:21-25**



# THE DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION

## The Example of David

Does not seek based upon merit – but seeks by faith. His faith is accounted as justification

Justification is gained through forgiveness

### Romans 4:5-8 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness, <sup>6</sup> just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works: <sup>7</sup> *"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, And whose sins are covered; <sup>8</sup> Blessed is the man to whom the LORD shall not impute sin."*

# THE DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION

## Justification Not By Faith ALONE!!

Romans 4:6 (NKJV)

just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God **imputes righteousness** apart from works:

Romans 6:16 (NKJV)

Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to **obey**, you are that one's slaves whom you **obey**, whether of sin leading to death, or of **obedience leading to righteousness?**

[dikaiosune - δικαιοσύνη]

# THE DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION

**All occur  
at the same  
point in  
time**

**Justification  
Rom 6:16,17**

**FORGIVENESS  
ACTS 2:38**

**Sanctification  
Acts 26:18**

**Regeneration  
1 Pet 1:22,23**

# THE DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION

**All occur  
at the same  
point in  
time**

**Sanctified  
1 Cor. 1:2**

**BAPTISM  
ACTS 18:8  
1 COR. 12:13**

**Washed  
Acts 22:16  
1 Pet 1:22,23**

**Justified  
1 Cor 6:11  
Rom 6:16,17**

**1 Corinthians 6:11  
(NKJV)**

<sup>11</sup> And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

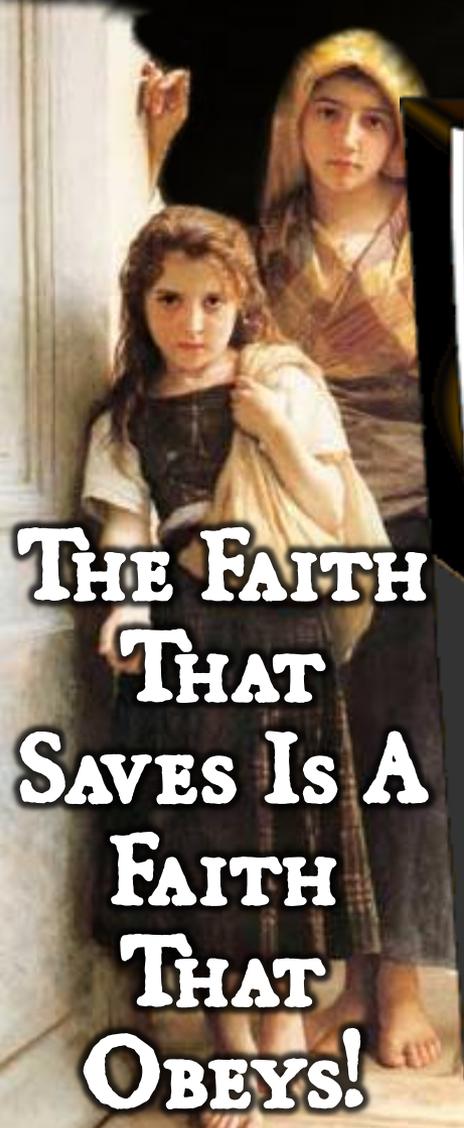
# THE DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION

## Justification Not By Faith ALONE!!

James 2:14-26 (NKJV)

<sup>14</sup> What *does it* profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? <sup>15</sup>

If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, <sup>16</sup> and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what *does it* profit?



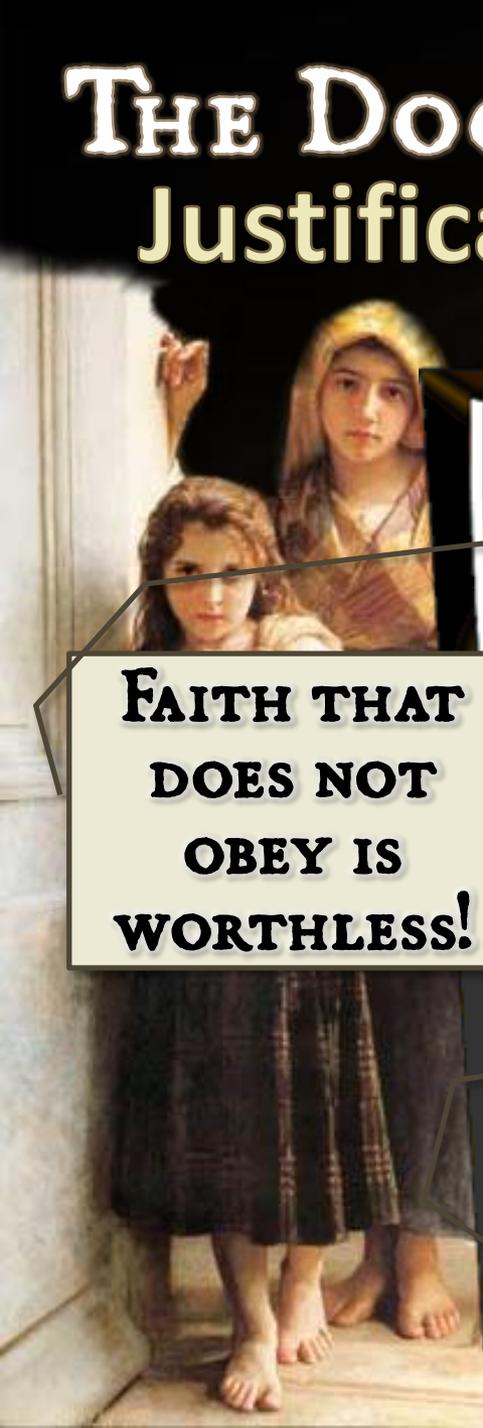
THE FAITH  
THAT  
SAVES IS A  
FAITH  
THAT  
OBEYS!

# THE DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION

## Justification Not By Faith ALONE!!

James 2:14-26 (NKJV)

<sup>17</sup> Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. <sup>18</sup> But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. <sup>19</sup> You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe--and tremble!



**FAITH THAT  
DOES NOT  
OBEY IS  
WORTHLESS!**

**DEMONS BELIEVE BUT DO NOT OBEY!**

# THE DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION

## Justification Not By Faith ALONE!!

Genesis 22:16-19  
BEFORE GOD!!

James 2:14-26 (NKJV)  
<sup>20</sup> But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead? <sup>21</sup> Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? <sup>22</sup> Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect?

What kind of faith did Abraham have?  
Rom 4:12

# THE DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION

## Justification Not By Faith ALONE!!

Genesis 15:6  
**BEFORE GOD!!**

James 2:14-26 (NKJV)

<sup>23</sup> And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "*Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.*" And he was called the friend of God. <sup>24</sup> You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.

**THE FAITH  
THAT SAVES IS  
THE FAITH  
THAT OBEYS!**

# THE DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION

## Justification Not By Faith ALONE!!

Hebrews 11:31

**RAHAB**  
**JUSTIFIED BY**  
**FAITH**

James 2:14-26 (NKJV)

<sup>25</sup> Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent *them* out another way? <sup>26</sup> For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

# THE DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION

## Justification Not By Faith ALONE!!

**James 2:14 (NKJV)**

**What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?**

### FAITH THAT CAN'T SAVE

Inactive

Unfruitful

Disobedient

Incomplete

Dead

### FAITH THAT WILL SAVE

Active

Fruitful

Obedient

Complete

Alive

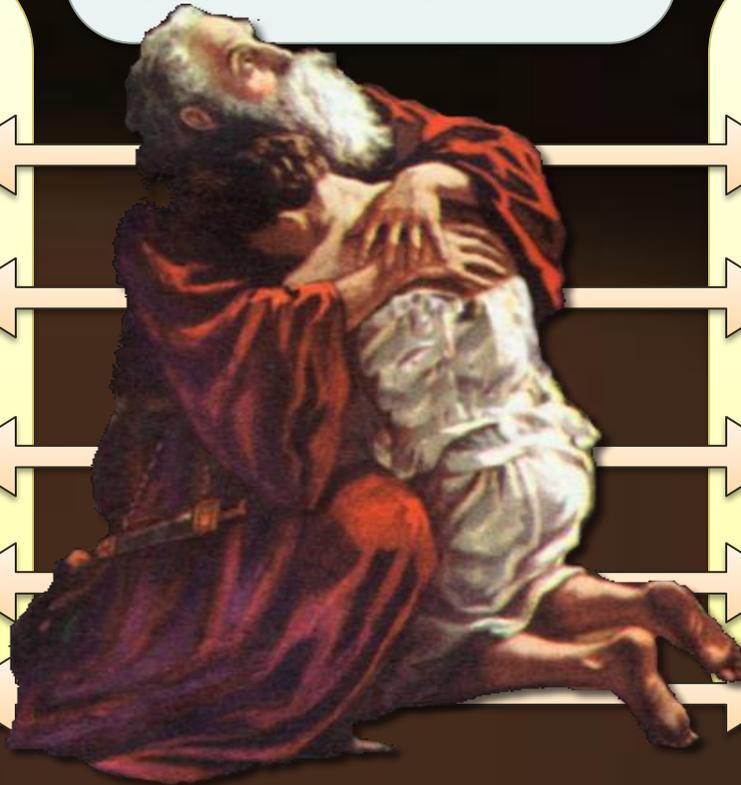
# THE DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION

## Justification Not By Faith ALONE!!

**“WORKS used in  
two different  
senses or else a  
contradiction!**

**ROMANS 4:1-6**

**Justified  
Counted for  
righteousness  
Fulfilled  
Genesis 15:6  
Strong  
Not of works**



**JAMES 2:21-24**

**Justified  
Counted for  
righteousness  
Fulfilled  
Genesis 15:6  
Perfect  
By works**

# THE DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION

## Are You Justified Before God?

### **If You Have Never Obeyed The Gospel**

Hear - (Rom 10:17)

Believe - (Jn 8:24)

Repent - (Acts 2:38)

Confess - (Mt 10:32)

Be Baptized - (Acts 22:16)

### **If You Have obeyed the gospel but have Sinned:**

Confess - (1 Jn. 1:9)

Repent - (Acts 8:22)

Pray For Forgiveness -  
(Acts 8:22)



**We are justified in our initial obedience to Christ and remain justified so long as we continue to walk in the light in fellowship with Jesus – 1 John 1:5-2:2**



# THE DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION

## **Charts by Don McClain**

Prepared December 16,17, 2011

Preached December 18, 2011

West 65<sup>th</sup> Street church of Christ

P.O. Box 190062

Little Rock AR 72219

501-568-1062

Prepared using PPT 2010

Email – [donmcclain@sbcglobal.net](mailto:donmcclain@sbcglobal.net)

More PPT & Audio Sermons:

<http://w65stchurchofchrist.org/donmaccla/2010SermonPage.html>

Note – Many of the transition effects used in this presentation may be lost using  
PPT 2007 Viewer

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyID=cb9bf144-1076-4615-9951-294eeb832823&displaylang=en>

## **Romans 3:21-31 (NKJV)**

<sup>21</sup> But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,  
<sup>22</sup> even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

## **Romans 3:21-31 (NKJV)**

<sup>24</sup> being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God set forth *as* a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed,

## **Romans 3:21-31 (NKJV)**

<sup>26</sup> to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup> Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup> Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.

## **Romans 3:21-31 (NKJV)**

<sup>29</sup> Or *is He* the God of the Jews only? *Is He* not also the God of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also, <sup>30</sup> since *there is* one God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. <sup>31</sup> Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.