



Justification


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Words to understand

- Justify (Gk dikaiōō) = to declare, pronounce or account one to be righteous; the Verdict of a judge--***the verdict of acquittal in which one is declared to be free from guilt***; the act of a judge In accounting a person righteous--not guilty”
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- Righteousness (Gk dikaiosune = the state, quality or condition of one who is righteous (justified).
 - The Psalmist expresses it, ***“As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us”*** (Psa. 103:12)
 - The Hebrew writer says, “For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and ***their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more***” (Heb. 8:12)
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How is that possible?

- Can God just forgive our sins? No, His very nature won't allow it.
- God's justice demands that someone pays the price for our sins – someone did - ***Jesus did (Rom. 3:24-26)***






Jesus paid the price

- He redeemed us (Rom. 3:24)
 - ***Redemption means deliverance, liberation or release effected by the payment of a ransom*** (1 Pet. 1:18-19)






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- He was sent forth as a ***propitiation*** (Rom. 3:25)
 - ***Propitiation carries the basic idea of appeasement, or satisfaction.***
 - Isaiah prophesied (Isa. 53:10-12)
 - Paul taught (2 Cor. 5:21)
 - ***He satisfied the justice of God*** (Rom. 3:26)
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How can we be justified?

- ***Not by perfect law-keeping***
(Rom. 3:28)
 - ***By faith in Jesus Christ*** (Rom. 3:22)
 - Through (Greek “dia”) indicates the means or instrument by which anything is done; here ***the means by which this righteousness is appropriated.***
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Results Of The Gospel Plan (3:27-31)

- We can't claim salvation by human merit (Rom. 3:27; 4:1-4)
 - Justified by faith (Rom. 3:28)
 - Jew and Gentile are on the same footing (Rom. 3:29-30)
 - Law not nullified but established (Rom. 3:31)
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