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**THE RESULTS OF  
JUSTIFICATION**

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Today's, Scripture text states:

*"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand (the redeemed presently stand in the grace of God), and rejoice in hope of the glory of God" (Romans 5:1-2).*

Look at the Greek word *dikaioō*, translated as "justified". In Greek, it means: *to make one innocent, just, holy, and free.*

We must ask ourselves a simple question: Of all things, what could ever, in a moment of time, change a wretched, vile, wicked sinner suddenly into being innocent, just, holy, and free?

The answer truly is simple; when you understand the work of Christ our Lord. It's called "justification", which is based solely upon the principle of faith. There has never been anything accomplished that will justify any man other than the finished work of Christ on the cross.

The apostle Peter powerfully declared, *"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).* When studying the Greek perspective, this is known as double negatives: *neither* and *none*.

What Peter is saying is there is neither anything (nothing) – meaning religious deeds or actions – one may attempt or practice and no other person – other than Christ – who has the power to redeem the lost.

Regrettably, many Christians today are ensnared in the trappings of religion. They perceive their fleshly human works play a part in

their salvation, but nothing could be further from the truth. Apart from Christ's sacrifice upon the cross, if there was any other way, the Father would have provided it. Christ petitioned Him for it. Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, *"Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done" (Luke 22:42).* Christ, in His humanity, sought for the cup to be removed but there was no other way to redeem mankind.

John described Christ Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, but the Father would not suffer His Son to have His throat slit, body eviscerated, and physical remains cast upon a brazen altar to be charred like those of an Old Testament sacrificial lamb. Yet, the Father chose the cross, as the method, and Christ, the sacrifice, as the means of redemption.

When one puts faith in Christ's work on the cross, that alone justifies them, making them innocent and free. This is why Paul used *"therefore"* in our Scripture text.

In Scripture, *therefore* always means the result of a previous action. In this case, the previous action was the vicarious, efficacious work Christ accomplished on the cross. Therefore, when one believes in the finished work of Christ, and places their faith in that finished work, they are justified by faith alone.

One of the most profound benefits of justification takes place at the new birth. It is the immediate peace one receives from God, which pervades the newly born-again believer through their faith in Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. Justification

is our acquittal based upon the finished work of Christ.

As a young man, having drifted away from Christ, I returned to Him on a Saturday night, June 6, 1978. Many nights, while in sin, I went to bed fearful. I knew I was lost, backslidden, undone, and without God. Having returned to Christ, in bed that night, I possessed a great peace and solace in my heart. I knew there were no hostilities between me and my Maker. I had peace with God through my Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the peace all receive from God through Christ Jesus our Lord when they are born again. Notice the peace is with God the Father and only made possible through the work of Christ Jesus on the cross.

We all were sentenced to death and damnation, but through the finished work of Christ the verdict can now be; "Not guilty!" Not only are we justified and no longer guilty but our justification is manifested because we have peace with God. Justification is something found within the heart of everyone who has been redeemed and forgiven.

No one possesses a membership card or the like to prove they are justified. Our sign of justification in Christ is our *peace with God*.

An acquittal is a judgment wherein a person is found "not guilty" of the purported crime. When anyone humbles themselves and repents, through the leadership of the Holy Spirit, their life is reconciled to the Father through Jesus Christ.

In verse 2 of our main Scripture text, we understand man's access to Christ is by faith alone, which brings us into His most holy grace. Look closely: *"We have access by faith*

*into this grace wherein we stand*  
**(Romans 5:2).**

Take note, everything man receives from God is accessed through faith alone. Blood-bought, born-again children of God receive no award, plaque, or certificate to authenticate this act of grace in their lives. Everything is based upon faith and faith alone and not on works, lest anyone should ever boast regarding their redemption. The apostle Paul declared: ***“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves (you have no part in your salvation): it is the gift (or sacrifice) of God: Not of works (man’s deeds), lest any man should boast (vaunt or glory in works)”*** **(Ephesians 2:8-9).**

Remember, every man’s works will be tried, however, saving faith in Christ is not tried but is blessed and honored.

I find it astounding that man is unable to frustrate the Mosaic Law but we are able to frustrate the grace of God. The Law is so rigid and demanding that the only thing we receive from the Law is indictment and guilt concerning our deeds and sinfulness.

Paul says: ***“I do not frustrate (or neutralize) the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain”*** **(Galatians 2:21).** Paul is saying he is not returning to the Law. However, this verse is also referring to those who began their Christian pilgrimage in grace but now want to return to live under the Law. If the Law was capable of saving mankind, then Paul declared Christ died in vain and His death was worthless.

The Word of God declares the Law is righteous but nowhere in the Law do we find redemption, reconciliation, and forgiveness. Yet there are multitudes who want to go back and embrace the arduous, difficult life the Law demands. Most people don’t understand when anyone returns to live under the Law, they

are rejecting the very grace of God, which is the only way to be saved (for by grace are you saved through faith). I fear for anyone who rejects the finished work of Christ.

The only thing that can save man is acceptance in the finished work of Christ. Once anyone accepts Christ by faith they have now entered into the dispensation of grace, which Paul declares, ***“wherein we [presently] stand”***. Now that we have accepted and stand in the grace of God, we are able to rejoice in a guaranteed hope of the glory of God.

Our act of faith in Christ’s work on the cross always brings glory to God. Anyone who believes their deeds or actions bring true glory to God concerning salvation is terribly wrong. Any act or deed a person attempts is vain, worthless, and certainly brings no true glory to God. That is why there is no such thing as self-justification. Man is completely unable to justify or redeem himself in any way whatsoever.

Some weeks ago the newly elected junior senator from Georgia, Pastor Raphael Warnock, demonstrated his deception based upon his frivolous vain works. Pastor Warnock declared during Passover that men could redeem and save themselves by their own works.

After he posted that cynical statement, the public outcry was so great he quickly removed his post, which was tragic and sad because he too, even as a pastor, does not understand the gift of God.

As I have grown and matured in the Lord, I have come to understand my works and righteousness are as filthy rags. The prophet Isaiah declared: ***“But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away”*** **(Isaiah 64:6).** Without being too graphic, the phrase “filthy rags” refers to menstrual flux.

Hopefully we all understand how

debased and wicked man’s works appear when compared to Christ’s work on the cross. Men can only stand justified before God through Christ’s finished work. Whatever anyone thinks they may have done through their own works concerning their salvation is absolute deception.

Two things we must understand concerning the finished work of Christ: The sinner does not realize just how lost they truly are, and, as believers, we don’t realize just how saved we are.

What a price Christ paid when He went to the cross and died for our sins! You are redeemed and justified only by the finished work of Christ our Lord and not of your works!

Many are requesting for us to have a conference. So, September 30-October 3, 2021, we will be at ***Heritage USA, Fort Mill, S.C.*** Yours truly, Russ Dizdar, Jimmy D. Smith, Paul Jacobs, and others will be with us to minister in the power of the Holy Ghost. These meetings will be called ***“Revival in America”***.

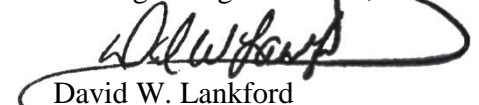
Please be sure to register as soon as possible. Seating is limited in this building. We’ll post all of the information on our website.

Registration is now only \$75 because Brother Jackson has been giving extra each month to help eliminate the cost of building rental, audio/video equipment, and honorariums for the speakers. Hopefully, before long, there will be no registration cost whatsoever.

We believe God for greater days and a true spiritual awakening here in America.

Thank you so very much for your love, prayers, and continued support. We could not do this without your help.

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