

GRACE JUSTIFICATION

Titus 3:4-7 is one sentence and one complete thought regarding God's great salvation.

Seven of the 50 things that every church age believer receives at the moment of salvation, that he can never lose in time or eternity is listed in this one sentence. These seven things are:

1. God's Love (3:4)
2. His Mercy (3:5)
3. Regeneration and Renewing (3:5)
4. The Holy Spirit (3:6)
5. Spiritual Heirship (3:7)
6. **Grace Justification** (3:7)
7. Eternal Life (3:7)

We have paused in our study of the Book of Titus to study these 7 doctrines of God's grace salvation (Eph.2: 8-9).

Today's lesson will study SIX aspects of God's Grace Justification.

"That being justified (*dikaioo* / a.p.ptc nplm) by (*hina* / purpose clause) His Grace (*te charis*), we might be (*ginomai* / a.p.subj) heirs according to the hope of eternal life." (3:7)

1. **The Greek word for justification is (*dikaiosis*). It refers to the act of pronouncing a person acquitted so that he can be declared righteous.**

God acquits and declares righteous those who believe that Jesus Christ died for his sins, was buried and raised the third day to deliver us from judicial guilt of Adam's Original Sin (AOS) (Rom.3: 30).

2. **Justification doesn't make the believer righteous (that is imputation; 2 Cor.5: 21) but rather it declares him righteous on the basis of the judicial acquittal.**

"But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is reckoned (*logizomai* / credited, take into account) as righteousness (*dikaioisune*)." (Rom.4: 5) note that justification and righteousness comes from the same Greek verb / *dikaioo*.)

3. **Justification is a work of grace and not a work for grace. It is the result of the redemptive work of Jesus Christ (Rom.3:22).**

"Being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus." (Rom.3:24; Titus 3:7)

A person is justified by grace through faith and not by works of the law – "For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from the works of the Law." (Rom.3:28; Acts 13:38-39; Rom.1:16-17; 3:22)

"Nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law shall no flesh be justified." (Gal.2:16; Rom.3:20-26; Gal.3:24-25)

In justification, God judicially declares the believer to be righteous because of the redemptive work of Jesus Christ (Book of Romans – chs. 1-8).

- **Rom.3: 24** - “*Being justified as a gift by His grace* through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.”
 - **Rom. 4:25** - “He who was delivered up because of our transgressions, and *raised because of our justification.*”
 - **Rom.5: 1** - “Therefore *having been justified by faith*, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”
 - **Rom. 5:9** - “Much more then, *having now been justified by His blood*, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.”
 - **Rom.8: 29-30** - “Foreknew, predestined to become conformed to the image of His son, called, justified, and glorified.” “*God is the one who justifies.*” (8:33)
- 4. Because of the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, phase 1 justification (salvation) was accomplished on the cross. The resurrection of Jesus Christ established phase 2 justification (CWL) and victory in angelic conflict.**

“He who was delivered up because of our transgressions, and raised because of our justification.” (Rom.4: 25) death, burial, and resurrection – gospel (1 Cor.15: 1-4)

- 5. It is important for the spiritually advancing believer to understand these two phases of justification: (phase 1 – salvation) and (phase 2 – CWL).**
- Phase 1 justification is by faith in the gospel of grace salvation (Rom.3-5).
 - Phase 2 justification is by works (divine production) being produced by Holy Spirit and by the faith cycle in CWL (Rom.6-8).

It was saving faith that imputed positional righteousness to Abraham as a result of phase one justification (Gal.3:8-9).

- 6. Phase 1 justification is the basis for experiential righteousness producing divine works through the faith cycle of phase 2 justification.**

“Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar?” (James 2:21)

The offering of Isaac was done by the word of God being cycled through the divine faith system (Heb.11: 17; James 2:21-24).

Hearing
(Rom.10: 17)

Completing
(James 2:22; Rom.4: 21)

Believing
(Heb.4: 2)

Applying
(2Cor.5: 7)

This justified the word of God residing and functioning in the soul of spiritual mature Abraham – “*And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, ‘And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned (logizomai) to him as righteousness,’ and he was called the friend of God.*” (James 2:23)

“Now that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for, “The righteous man shall live by faith.” (Gal.3:11)

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