





## SERMON OUTLINE FOR DIGITAL DOWNLOAD

### Lesson Five: Saved and Justified

 **Date:** October 12, 2025  **Text:** Romans 8:29–30

**Supporting Scriptures:** Matthew 5:16; Romans 3:26; Romans 5:1; Galatians 2:16; Romans 4:5; Romans 8:1, 33–34; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Philippians 3:9; Romans 5:17; Luke 10:19; Hebrews 4:16; Ephesians 2:10

### INTRODUCTION

We're learning how to **apply redemption** to our lives so that its fruit becomes visible, and Christ is glorified.

**Matthew 5:16** "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

- Jesus isn't calling us to perform.
- He's calling us to **reveal** what has already been done in us.
- This *light* is the *fruit of justification* — the evidence of salvation in action.

"We don't shine to be seen. We shine because we've been changed."

### WHAT IS JUSTIFICATION?

The word "justified" — *Greek: dikaiōō* — means "to declare righteous," especially in a legal sense.

**Romans 8:30** — "Whom He called, these He also justified..."

#### Justification Defined:

- **An instantaneous legal act** of God
- Where He:
  - **Declares** the sinner righteous
  - **Removes** all guilt
  - **Cancels** the penalty of sin
  - **Credits** Christ's righteousness to the believer

### Supporting Texts:

- Romans 3:26 — "...justifies him who has faith in Jesus"
- Romans 5:1 — "...justified by faith, we have peace with God..."
- Galatians 2:16 — "...not by works, but by faith in Jesus Christ"



- Romans 4:5 – “His faith is counted as righteousness”
- Romans 8:1 – “There is now no condemnation...”

"You are not justified because you've changed — you change because you've been justified."

## THE TWO SIDES OF JUSTIFICATION

### 1. Forgiveness of Sins

- Romans 4:7 – “...whose lawless deeds are forgiven...”
- Our record is wiped clean.
- No longer liable to punishment.

### 2. Imputation of Righteousness

- Philippians 3:9 – “...righteousness from God that depends on faith”
- 2 Corinthians 5:21 – “*He made Him... to be sin... so that we might become the righteousness of God*”
- **Imputed** = credited to our account.
- Jesus didn't just take our place in death — He gave us His place in righteousness.

#### Important Thought:

“Forgiveness handles your past. Imputed righteousness secures your future.”

## ILLUSTRATION: THE ROBE EXCHANGE

Imagine standing guilty before a judge, in filthy clothes. He forgives your crime — but then takes off his royal robe and places it on you. You walk out **free and honored**.

You're not just “not guilty.” You're **righteous**. You're **robed**. You're **justified**.

## THE PURPOSE OF JUSTIFICATION: TO REIGN IN LIFE

#### Romans 5:17

“...those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will **reign in life** through the One, Jesus Christ.”

- “**By one man's offense**” = Adam (sin, death, guilt)
- “**Much more**” = Jesus (life, righteousness, reigning)
- This is not future-tense only — it's **present-day victory**.

#### Important Truth:



“We weren’t justified just to survive. We were justified to **reign**.”

## FOUR FRUITS OF JUSTIFICATION FOR THE BELIEVER

### 1. Victory – We’ve Been Freed from Sin’s Power

- Romans 6:14 – “Sin shall not have dominion over you...”
- Justified people don’t live in bondage.
- You fight **from** victory — not **for** it.

“The verdict broke the chains.”

### 2. Authority – We’ve Been Given Legal Standing

- Luke 10:19 – “I give you authority... over all the power of the enemy...”
- You have spiritual jurisdiction.
- You pray, bind, loose, and declare with legal authority.

“You’re not on probation. You’re in position.”

### 3. Confidence – We Know Where We Stand

- Hebrews 4:16 – “Come boldly to the throne of grace...”
- We don’t approach timidly — we belong there.
- Romans 5:1 – “We have peace with God...”

“Justified people don’t tiptoe into God’s presence — they walk in like sons and daughters.”

### 4. Purpose – We’ve Been Set Apart to Glorify God

- Ephesians 2:10 – “We are His workmanship... created for good works...”
- Your light shines **because** you’ve been made righteous.
- Your walk becomes your witness.

“We’re not saved to sit. We’re justified to shine.”

## CLOSING TRUTHS: WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If you are justified:

- **You are not under guilt** — Jesus already carried it.
- **You are not under condemnation** — the case is closed.
- **You are not under striving** — you’re working from grace, not for approval.
- **You are not under fear** — you have peace with God.



- **You are not under limitation** – you’ve been called to reign in life!