

Justification

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Review:

“The Order of Salvation” WG

1. Election (God’s choice of people to be saved)
2. The gospel call (proclaiming the message of the gospel)
3. Regeneration (being born again)
4. Conversion (faith and repentance)
5. Justification (right legal standing)
6. Adoption (membership in God’s family)
7. Sanctification (right conduct of life)
8. Perseverance (remaining a Christian)
9. Death (going to be with the Lord)
10. Glorification (receiving a resurrection body)

Romans 3:21–26: “But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, . . . so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.”

What is justification?

“We may define it as follows: Justification is an instantaneous legal act of God in which he (1) thinks of our sins as forgiven and Christ’s righteousness as belonging to us, and (2) declares us to be righteous in his sight.” Grudem

Rom 8:1 So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus

When are we justified?

We are justified, declared righteous, at the moment of our salvation. Jesus Christ finished the work required for our justification on the cross

9 And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation. ([Romans 5:9](#)).

" ([Romans 4:25](#)). He was handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised to life to make us right with God.

Miscellaneous observation about justification

A. Justification comes apart from the law; that is, we cannot earn justification through rule-keeping or our own good works.

Romans 3:20 For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are.

B Justification is made possible in the sacrificial death of Christ; it is based on the shed blood of Christ.

Romans 5:1 Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace^a with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.

C Justification is the free and gracious gift of God bestowed on those who receive by faith the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Rom 3:24 Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.

D. Once justified we have the remission of the penalty of sin, which was death (**Romans 3:23** *And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation.*

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1 Peter 2:24 *He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed.*

E Once justified we have restoration to God's favor, which had been lost due to our sin

John 3:36 And anyone who believes in God's Son has eternal life. Anyone who doesn't obey the Son will never experience eternal life but remains under God's angry judgment."

F. Once justified we are co-heirs with Christ (Romans 8:17 And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.).

G. We are justified by the imputation of righteousness, which is the reckoning of Christ's righteousness to our account

Romans 4:5–8 But people are counted as righteous, not because of their work, but because of their faith in God who forgives sinners. **6** David also spoke of this when he described the happiness of those who are declared righteous without working for it:

7 "Oh, what joy for those
whose disobedience is forgiven,
whose sins are put out of sight.

8 Yes, what joy for those
whose record the LORD has cleared of sin."

2 Corinthians 5:21 For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.).

H. Good works will be evidence of justification

James 2:24²⁴ Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. KJV

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