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Scripture

Justification comes through our faith in Jesus Christ, not by our own works or justification by law.

Romans 3:21-26

- Everyone who believes in Jesus Christ receives justification.
- Justification is apart from the law. The law revealed we needed a savior. Jesus fulfilled the law.


Galatians 2:16

- Justification levels the playing field - whether Jews or gentiles, it's faith in Jesus that brings justification for all.

Titus 3:3-7

- Mercy is why we've been saved, not our goodness. We were saved because of God's mercy and kindness.

Romans 5:1-2. 9-11

- Believing in Him allows our sinful nature to decrease and our desire to 

1 Corinthians 6:11

- Washed, Sanctified and justified. Spiritual events that occur in our lives

Romans 9:9-10

- Salvation and justification are spoken. They begin in the heart but are complete only when we align our heart with that belief.
- If we believe in Jesus and what he has done for us, grow in that area of faith and strengthen faith.

The Language of Righteousness

Our words are powerful. What we say, **we** hear. Our minds and bodies need to hear the declarations we speak over ourselves. As the justified, we are called to speak it. Righteousness has a language full of gratitude and praise. Fear reveals a disconnect of what we say

Numbers 13:24 - Numbers 14:9

- Discouragement speaks unbelief (fear and self doubt). This demonstrates a lack of faith in God's power and promises and is displeasing to God.
- Faith and trust in God is the opposite of discouraging speech. It speaks to belief in God's power and promises. It's encouraging and uplifting.

Matthew 12:37

- By our own words, we have ...
- What words are we choosing to express what we believe, what is in our heart? Align the heart with your speech.

Luke ...

- Faith to endure is the goal, not being perfect.

Psalm 103:1-6

- When you are in constant remembrance of what He's done for you, it's hard to have doubt or unbelief.
- Praise is a language that we choose. Don't forget God's benefits; show gratitude and you will build your faith.

Reflection Questions

- Do I truly believe that I am justified by faith in Jesus alone—or am I still trying to earn my place with God through works or performance?
- When I face an adversary or feel sifted, how do I respond? Am I praying, praising and persevering or am I complaining, doubting or isolating myself from the truth?