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JUSTIFICATION



Key Terms

- 1. Just:** To be upright, fair, and blameless under the law.
- 2. Righteous:** Having perfect moral standing; meeting God's holy standards completely
- 3. Faith:** Trusting completely in Jesus' work being enough to save you.

Justification

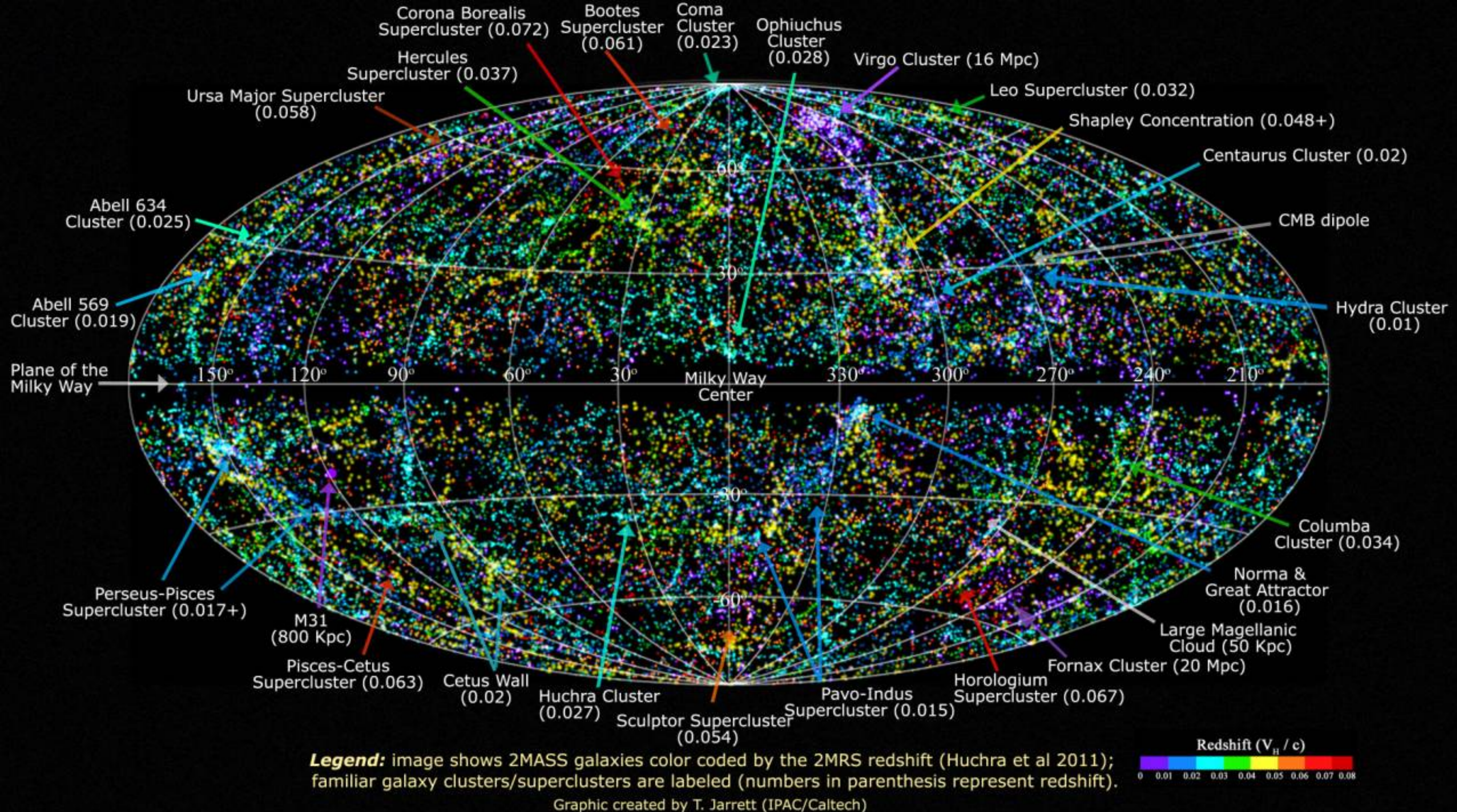
Definition

Justification is God's act of declaring sinners Just and Righteous in His sight, not because of anything they have done, but solely because of Christ's perfect life and sacrificial death credited to them by faith alone.





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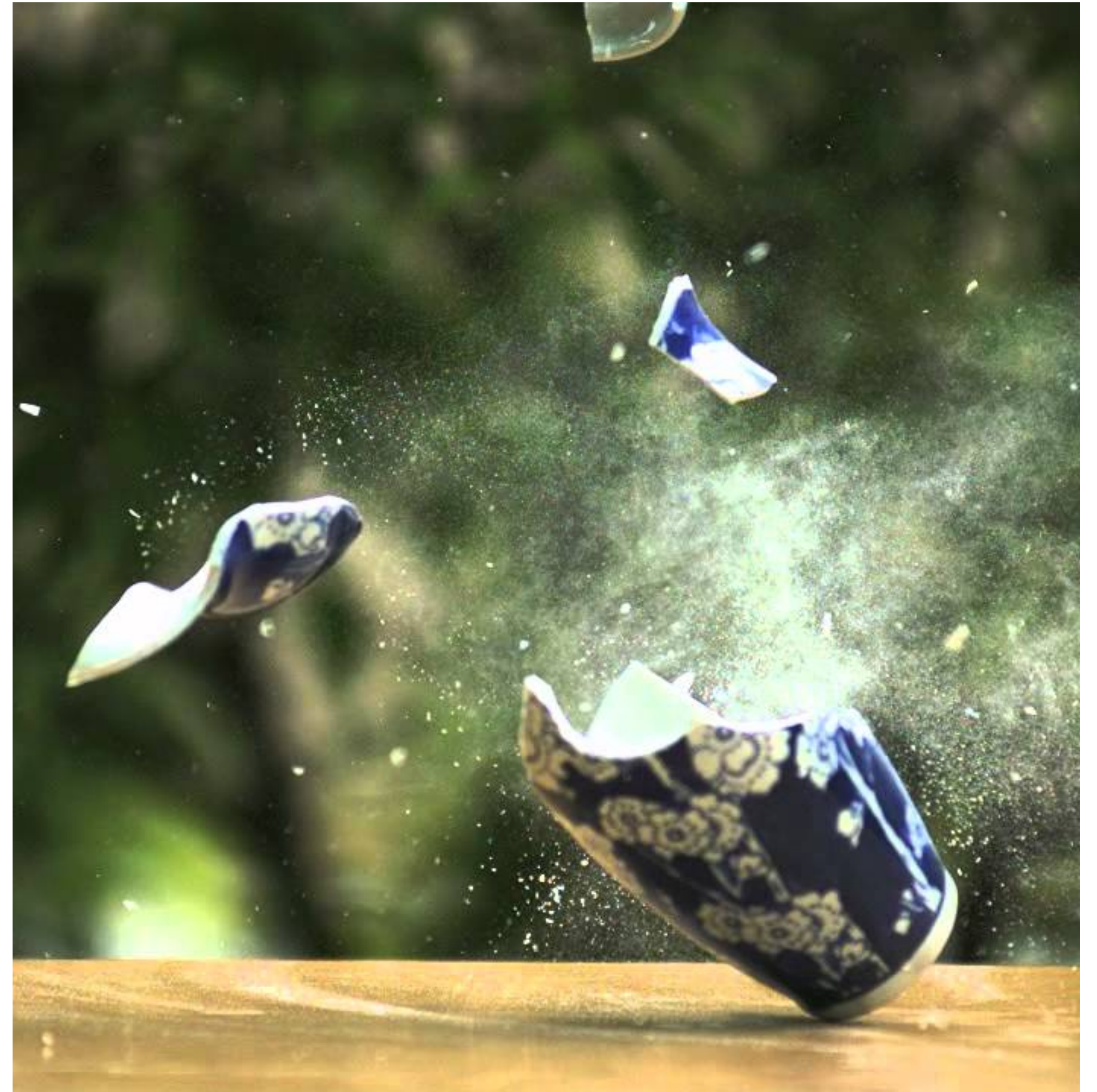
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The Problem: Our Standing Before God

What is our legal standing before God?

We stand **guilty** before God as our judge. No amount of good works can cover up our sins. We need a Just life that is not our own.

Biblical Evidence: *Romans 3:10-12, Galatians 2:16, Isaiah 64:6*



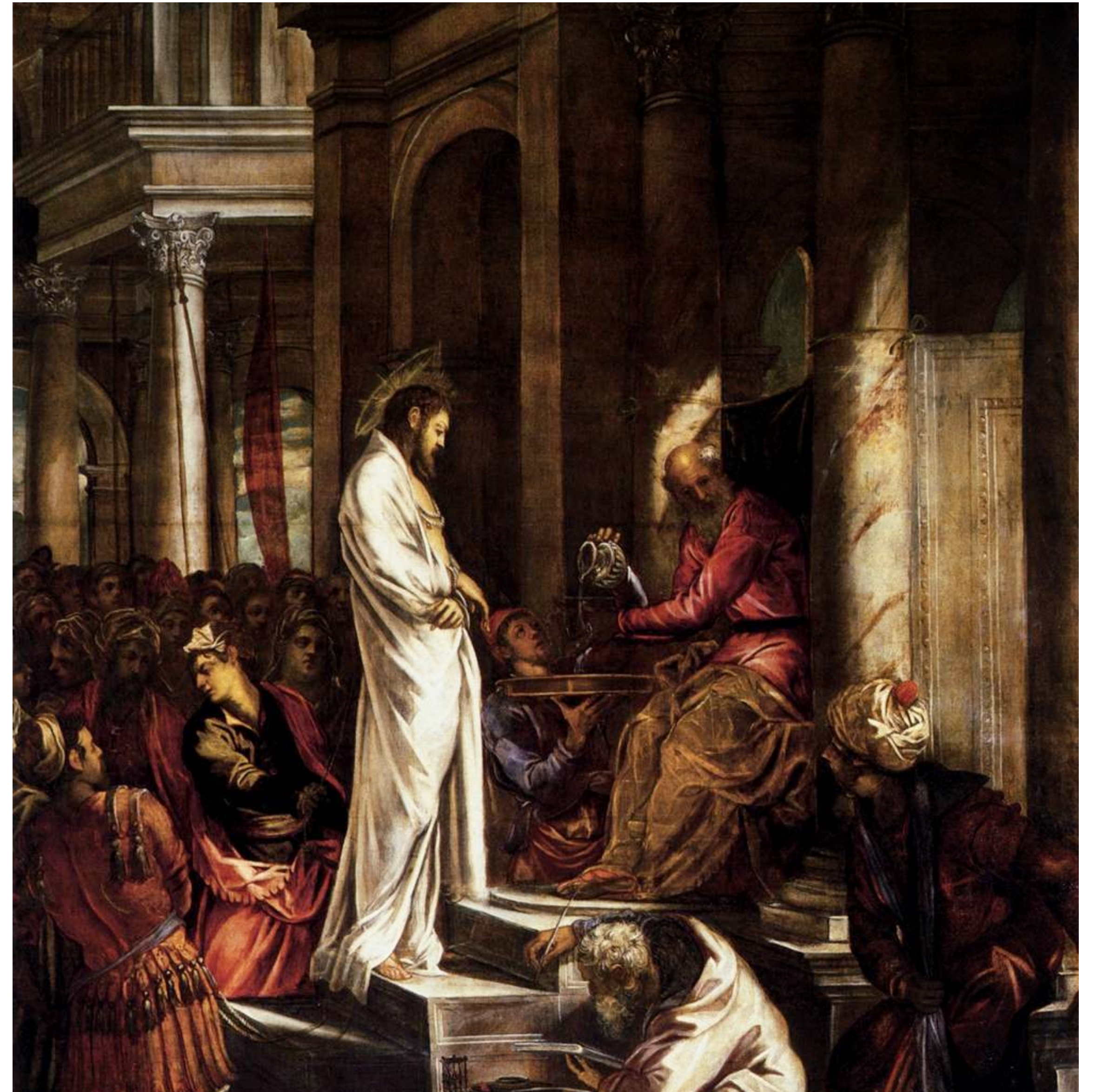
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The Solution: Christ's Perfect Record

How does God justify the guilty?

God credits Christ's perfect righteousness to our account and treats us as if we had lived Christ's Just life. It's not based on our performance but on Christ's work received by faith.

Biblical Evidence: *Romans 4:5, Romans 5:1, 2 Corinthians 5:21*



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The Means: Faith Alone

How do we receive Justification?

Justification comes through faith alone, not by our works. Faith is the empty hand that receives what Christ has done.

Biblical Evidence: *Romans 3:28, Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 4:16*



What Justification Gives Us

1. Peace with God (No Condemnation)
2. Access to God (Boldly approach Him)
3. Security in God (Nothing can Separate us)
4. Hope in God (Confidently expecting Glory)



Why Does “Justification” Matter?

1. **Because we are declared just**, we don't have to earn God's love - we already have it!
2. **Because we are declared just**, we can approach God confidently as beloved children, not fearful criminals.
3. **Because we are declared just**, our identity is secure - it's based on Christ's record, not our performance.
4. **Because we are declared just**, we are free to serve God from gratitude, not guilt or fear.
5. **Because we are declared just**, we can face trials with hope knowing our standing with God never changes.