

JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH

The doctrine of justification by faith, is explained in the book of Romans, it applies to every one who believes, and it affects our life in more than one way.

Justification is a concept of law courts and it's an act by which a person is brought into a right state because justice has been satisfied.

The Word of God declares that we are cleared (declared not guilty), when we put faith in the blood of Jesus and in his propitiatory sacrifice.

Propitiation (Greek: "Hilasterion") is the act of getting rid of sin that has come between God and man, creating an obstacle to their mutual relationship. The blood comes between the violated law and the violator. Because the blood of Jesus satisfied the demands of the law, sin - with its guilt - is removed, mercy is extended, and fellowship with God is restored. Those who put their faith in Jesus are not only forgiven, but they are put in a position of right standing with God or **justified!**

The Apostle Paul, in Romans 3:23-26, declares:

*"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
being **justified** as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;
whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through **faith**. {This was} to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed;
for the demonstration, {I say,} of His righteousness at the present time, that He might be **just** and the **justifier** of the one who has faith in Jesus." (NAS)*

Because God is righteous, the believer is not only saved by His mercy, but also by His justice. God extended mercy on the basis of justice being satisfied. He did not condone sin; the price for it was paid. (It was paid by Jesus through His suffering, death and resurrection).

Therefore, **God would be unjust if He withheld justification for us when we apply faith in the blood of Jesus.** This revelation sets us free from lot of guilt and condemnation regarding the sins of our past. Truly Jesus was our guilt offering!! Furthermore, because God has justified us by declaring us "not guilty", we can silence the voice of the accuser, proclaiming, like Jesus did, "...*the chief of this godless world is about to attack, but he has nothing on me, **no claim on me***" John 14:30 The Message.