

God's Wonderful Words of Life Series by D. Lavell Lee

Message Six

- **Justification**
- **Acts 13:38-39, Ro. 3:19-28, Ro. 5:1-11, Ro. 8:30**

Act 13:38-39 Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: **39** And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

Rom 3:19-28 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. **20** Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. **21** But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; **22** Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: **23** For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; **24** Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: **25** Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; **26** To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. **27** Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. **28** Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

Rom 5:1-11 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: **2** By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. **3** And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; **4** And patience, experience; and experience, hope: **5** And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. **6** For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. **7** For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. **8** But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. **9** Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. **10** For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. **11** And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Jesus Christ, God's substitute Lamb, died in our place and on our behalf because God imputed our sins

onto Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is also our propitiation, (Greek, hilasterion, the place of propitiation, Ro. 3:25, and the propitiation, Greek, hilasmos, I John 2:2) and because God is satisfied that our sins are paid for in Jesus Christ, **he now sees us in Jesus Christ and declares us to be righteous.** We have been to God's bar of justice and he has declared us to be forever acceptable in his sight.

Eph 1:5-6 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

Heb 10:14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

Greek-Strong's 1344 dikao, dik ah yo o, To render (i.e. show or regard as) just, free, be righteous.

Rom 3:24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

Greek-Strong's 1347 dikaiosis, Acquittal

Rom 4:25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

Justification then can be defined as the judicial act of God whereby he justly declares and treats as righteous the one who believes in Jesus Christ. The justified believer has been declared by God the Judge himself to have nothing laid to his charge.

Rom 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit Rom 8:31-34 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? 32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? 33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. 34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

SECOND Who does the justifying

God himself. Since the offense is against God, only God can take away the offense.

Rom 3:24-28 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; 26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. 27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. 28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law Rom 8:30-32 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. 31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? 32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

THIRD What is the ground or basis of our justification

The shed blood of Jesus Christ on the cross.

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FOURTH How is our justification appropriated

By our personal faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ which he accomplished for us on the cross of Calvary.

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FIFTH In Jesus Christ we now enjoy peace with God

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What a joyful privilege it is to know that in Jesus Christ we are both acceptable and accepted in the presence of God for we are his own dear children.

Gal 3:6-9 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. 7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. 8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. 9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham

Sinner, God can and will save you from your sins through Jesus Christ, why not come to him right now.

Rom 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.