

First, Justified

- 1) Every Person **Whose** Faith & Trust == In **Xp Alone** == Stands Joyfully Justified Before God Forever
- 2) Justification One of **Most Important Topics** In Christianity == **Storm Center** of Reformation
 - a) **How** Is Person Justified Before God? == IOW **How** Right W/ God == **Go To Heaven & Not Hell**
- 3) **Justified** Bible Word **All Should Know** → **Means** == To Declare Rteous == To Stand Right Before God
 - a) Two Parts → **Forgiving Sin** → **Count As Rteous** → Forgiveness & Rightness == Pardon & Acceptance
- 4) Justification == **Change of Person's Standing** Before God → **From Guilty & Condemned To Innocent**
 - a) Packer—"Justification is the truly dramatic transition from the status of a condemned criminal awaiting a terrible sentence to that of an heir awaiting a fabulous inheritance." → Dramatic Change of Status
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Second, Forgiveness of Sin

- 1) **(13)** When Dead → Made Alive → Did It Having Forgiven All Of Our Trespasses
 - a) **To Trespass** == Cross Line → **One Way Bible Talks @ Breaking God's Law** == Sin @ God
- 2) Uncircumcision of Flesh == **(11)** Old Nature == Before Hearts Changed & Sins Forgiven
 - a) **When Still Under God's Judgment** → God Made You Alive In Him == **In Xp!**
- 3) **(13)** Made Alive In Him == **(12)** When He Died You Died → When He Rose You Rose
 - a) **When Connected To Jesus By Faith** == All That He Did → All That He Is == **Now Ours**
 - b) **When He Died To Sin & Its Judgment on Cross** → You Died To Sin & Its Judgment == **In Him**
- 4) **(13)** All This Happens Having Forgiven All Our Trespasses → All of Our Sin → Notice == All of It!
 - a) Not Some == But All Of It == Past==Present—Future → God Knew Every Sin Would Ever Commit
- 5) **(14)** Cancelling Record of Debt == **Debt of Sin** → Stood Against Us—Accusing—Convicting Us
 - a) W/Legal Demands → Trespass == **Breaking of God's Law** == **Subject To God's Justice & Judgment**
 - b) **All of This** == Everything Against Us == Set Aside == **Took It Away** → Erased

- c) Mic. 7:19—"You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea." → As Far As East From West
- 6) **Nailed It To Cross** → **Entire Record of Our Debt Before God** == **What a Picture of Union W/ Christ**
- a) At Moment When Jesus == **Nailed To Cross** → **Record of Your Sin** == **Nailed To Cross W/ Him**
- b) 1 Pet. 2:24—"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness." → My Friends → **All of Our Sin** → **All of Our Guilt & Fear Before God** == **Wiped Away**
- c) It Is Well With My Soul—"My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!—My sin, not in part but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!"
- d) Are You Still Bearing It? → Still Living Under Burden → Weighed Down By Guilt & Fear?
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- 8) Ps 32:1—"Blessed—Happy—Joyful is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered."

Third, Declared Righteous

- 1) But **Justification We Said** == **Two Parts** → **Forgiving Sin** → **Crediting of Xp's Rtness To Our Account**
- 2) 2 Cor. 5:21—"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" → **Sinless One Paid Our Sin Debt** == **So May Become Rteous Before God**
- a) To Be Rteous == **Not To Be Perfect Person** → Means **As Far As Justice Concerned** == **Not Guilty**
- b) **Right Standing Before God The Judge** → **Accepted By God As If Never Sinned** == **Beloved Child**
- 3) **Point Out Several Important Things @ Rtness**
- 4) Rtness Gift of God → **Cannot Be Earned** == **Rtness of Xp** == **Credited To Our Account Thru Faith**
- a) **Given Apart From Anything We Have Done** == **Any Good Works** → **Nothing Ever Do Can Add To It**
- b) Rom. 3:23-24—"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" == **Justified Freely By His Grace** == **Thru Faith**
- 5) **Justified At Moment of Salvation** → **Happens In An Instant** → **One-Time Event** == **Lasts Forever**
- a) **Declaration of God** == **Forgives Our Sins** → **Accepts Us For Jesus' Sake** → **Thru Faith In Him**

- 6) Justified == **Credited** W/ Jesus' Account → United—Connected To Him == All His == **Becomes Yours**
- a) Hear Me Say Sometimes = **Jesus Lived Life We Fail To Live** == **Died Death We Deserve To Die**
- b) **Jesus** Obedied All Commands of Law → Lived Life Fail To Live == **Credited To Us**
- c) **Jesus** Suffered All Pains & Penalties Due From Law == **Died Death Deserve To Die** → **Credited to Us**
- 7) Demands of Justice == Met → **Justice** Is Satisfied → (Let Us Love...) **Justice Smiles & Asks No More**
- a) God Never Winks At Sin → Never Says Forget @ It → **Every Sin** == **Punished** = You or Jesus
- b) If Jesus Is Your Savior == Never Come Under Judgment → **Bec/ Jesus Already Did** == **PRAIRIE FIRE**
- c) Packer—"God's justifying decision is the judgment of the Last Day, declaring where we shall spend eternity, brought forward into the present and pronounced here and now. It is the last judgment that will ever be passed on our destiny; God will never go back on it" → If By Faith Justified == Saved Forever
- d) John 5:24—"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has **passed from death to life.**"
- e) Justice Already Satisfied → Judgment Already Rendered == **Stand Justified In His Presence Forever**
- 8) **(15) Final Picture** → **Xp Above All** == **Cosmic Event** == Jesus Disarmed & Triumphed Over Every Power
- a) Once == **Slaves To Sin** → **Under** Influence of **Other Powers** → **But No Longer**
- b) Christ Disarmed Every Power == Have No Power Over Us → No Claim On Us == We Are Free

Finally, Joyfully Justified

- 1) Foundation of **Confidence** → In Life & In Death → **God W/ Us—For Us** == Never Leave or Forsake Us
- a) Rom. 8:31 & 33-35—"If God is for us, who can be against us?...Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" → **God On Our Side** == **Jesus Died & Rose For Us** == **Justified Us**
- b) **Whatever Happens In Life** → **This Always True** == No Charge Can Stand @ Us → **Stand In His Love**

- c) In Christ Alone—"No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me" → Tho He Slay Me
- 2) Foundation of New Life of Holiness == Every Day Starts Here → In Our Acceptance & Position In Xp
- a) If Start Your Day → **Wallowing** In Your Performance From Yesterday == **Wallow Forever!**
- b) **Mercies** New Every Morning → Bec/ **Debt** == Paid—Cancelled → **Nailed To Cross**
- c) Don't Do Good So God Will Accept Us → Bask In His Acceptance → So He Will Make Us Good
- 3) **Trust In Christ Alone** == In His Perfect Rtness == 100% == Never Trust In Selves == **Must Choose**
- a) Phil. 3:8-9—"For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, **not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith**"
- b) **Must Choose** == Let Me Be Found Fully & Only Trusting in Christ == **Clothed In His Rtness**
- 4) When God Looks At Us == Sees Us In Christ → Sees Us W/ Out Sin == **Just Like Christ Himself**
- a) Clothed In His Rtness == **Fully Justified—All Sins Forgiven—Counted Rteous—Accepted Forever**
- b) Is. 61:10—"I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness" → Clothed In Xp's Rtness
- c) Place of Acceptance → **This Is Why** == Paul **Addresses** Them As Saints == **Holy Ones**
- d) Eph. 2:6—"Raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus"
- 5) Foundation of Life of Joy → Phil. 4:4—"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice" = **Always True**
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