

## SEEKING JUSTIFICATION

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**Luke 18:9-14** And he spake this parable unto certain which **trusted in themselves that they were righteous**, and **despised others**: 10 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. 12 I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. 13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, **God be merciful to me a sinner**. 14 I tell you **this man went down to his house JUSTIFIED** rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself **shall be exalted**.

### HOLIER THAN THOU ATTITUDE

**Isaiah 65:5** Which say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for **I am holier than thou**. These are a smoke in my nose, a fire that burneth all the day.

### DESPISE NOT OTHERS

**Romans 14:3-4** Let not him that eateth **despise him that eateth not**; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him. 4 Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? **to his own master he standeth or falleth**. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand.

### BETWEEN YOU AND GOD

**Romans 14:22** Hast thou faith? **have it to thyself before God**. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth.

### FAITH SEEKS GOD'S APPROVAL

**2 Corinthians 10:18** For **not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth**.

### FAITH DOES NOT SEEK TO BE JUSTIFIED BEFORE MEN

**Luke 16:15** And he said unto them, Ye are they which **justify yourselves before men**; but **God knoweth your hearts**: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the **sight of God**.

### IF WE SAY THAT WE HAVE NO SIN

**1 John 1:8** If we say that we have **no sin, we deceive ourselves**, and the truth is not in us.

### KEEPING SILENCE IS SAYING I HAVE NO SIN

**Psalms 32:3,5** When **I kept silence**, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long. 5

**I acknowledged my sin**

unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

### FAITH SEEKS TO BE JUSTIFIED BY GOD

**1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins

, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

### GOD JUSTIFIES

**Romans 8:33,34** Who shall lay any thing to the charge [future active] of God's elect? *It is* God that **justifieth**. [Present Active] 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 [Present Active] intercession [as High Priest, as our Advocate] for us [The elect].

### DEFINITION

**Romans 3:4** Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written: "That You may be **justified** in Your words, And may

overcome when You are judged."

### **EARTHLY COURT**

**Acts 19:38,40** "Therefore, if Demetrius and his fellow craftsmen have a case against anyone, **the courts are open** and there are proconsuls. **Let them bring charges against** one another. **40** "For we are in **danger** of being **called in question** for today's uproar, there being no reason which **we may give to account** for this disorderly gathering."

### **god's Court room**

**2 Corinthians 5:10** For **we must all appear** before the **judgment seat of Christ**

; that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad.

**Romans 14:10,12**. . for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. **12** So then **every one of us** shall **give account of himself to God**.

### **THE DAY OF APPEARING IN THE COURT IS APPOINTED**

**Hebrews 9:27** And as it is **appointed unto men** once to die, but after this the **judgment**:

### **DIVINE PENAL CODE**

**John 12:48** He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: **the word** that I have spoken, the same **shall judge him in the last day**.

### **AT HIS COMING**

**2 Timothy 4:1** I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall **judge** the quick and the dead **at his appearing and his kingdom**;

### **CHARGE AGAINST CHURCH OF THYATIRA**

**Revelation 2:19-20**

I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first. **20** Notwithstanding I have **few things against thee**

, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

**Revelation 2:26-27** And **he that overcometh**, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will

**I give power over the nations**

: **27** And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.

### **Charged and cast into prison**

**Matthew 5:25,26** Agree with thine adversary [brother] quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary **deliver thee to the judge**, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou **be cast into prison**. **26** Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing. [For an age]

### **PUNISHED FOR A 1000 YEARS**

**Matthew 25:46** And these shall go away to **punishment age-during**, but the righteous to life age-during.' (YLT)

### **OUR JUDGE CANNOT BE BRIBED**

**1 Peter 1:17** And if ye call on the Father, who **without respect of persons judgeth** according to **every man's work**, **pass the time** of your sojourning here **in fear**:

### **NO JUDGMENT NOW**

**Romans 8:1** "There is therefore **now no condemnation**

[sentencing] to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

**1 Timothy 5:24** Some men's sins are open beforehand, **going before to judgment**; and some men they **follow after**.

### **GUILTY OR INNOCENT**

**Matthew 12:36,37** But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. **37** For by thy words thou shalt be justified ,[Unchargeable] and by thy words thou shalt be **condemned**. [Chargeable]

### **THE ELECT CAN BE DENIED**

**2 Timothy 2:12** If we suffer, we shall also **reign** with him: if we deny him, **he also will deny us:**

**JESUS CHRIST WAS JUSTIFIED**

**1 Timothy 3: 16** And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, **justified in the Spirit**, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, **received up into glory.**

### **the Spirit of his Son**

**Galatians 4:6,7** And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth **the Spirit of his Son** into your hearts, crying, **Abba, Father.** **7** Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an **heir** of God through Christ.

**Lived by faith**

**Hebrews 12:2** Looking unto **Jesus the author and finisher of our [the] faith**

; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is **set down at the right hand of the throne of God.**

### **JESUS OVERCAME**

**Revelation 3:21** To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, **even as I also overcame**, and **am set down with my Father in his throne.**

### **appointed heir of all things**

**Hebrews 1:2** Hath in these last days spoken unto us by *his Son*, whom he hath **appointed heir of all things** , by whom also he made the worlds;

### **raised for our justification**

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

### **IF CHRIST BE NOT RAISED**

**1 Corinthians 15:17** And if **Christ be not raised** [to His High Priest hood], **your faith is vain;** **ye are yet in your sins.** [Chargeable]

### **OUR Advocate**

**1 John 2:1,2** My little children [Mat 18:3], these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And **if any man sin** [becomes chargeable], we have **an advocate** [to make us Unchargeable] **with the Father** , Jesus Christ the righteous: **2** And he is the **propitiation for our sins:** and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of the whole world.*

### **GOD IS ANGRY WITH EVIL- DOERS**

**Psalms 7:11-13** God judgeth the righteous, and **God is angry with the wicked every day.12**

If they do not change their ways, God will **sharpen** his sword. He **bends**

his bow and makes it ready; **13** he takes up his deadly weapons and **aims** his burning arrows.

### **OFFERING OF INCENSE PACIFIED THE WRATH**

**Numbers 16:46-48** And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a censer, and put fire therein from off the altar, and put on incense, and go quickly unto the congregation, and **make an atonement** for them: for there is **wrath gone out from the LORD**

; the plague is begun. **47** And Aaron took as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the congregation; and, behold, the plague was begun among the people: and he **put on incense**, and **made an atonement for the people**

. **48** And he stood between the dead and the living; and the **plague was stayed.**

### **WHEN I SEE THE BLOOD**

**Exodus 12:7,13** And they shall **take of the blood**, and strike it on the **two side posts** and on the **upper door post** of the houses, wherein they shall eat it. 13 And **the blood shall be to you for a token** upon the houses where ye *are* : and **when I see the blood, I will pass over you**, and the **plague shall not** be upon you to **destroy you** , when I smite the land of Egypt.

### **PACIFYING THE WRATH OF KING**

**Proverbs 16:14** The **wrath of a king** is as messengers of **death**: but a wise man **will pacify it**.

**Proverbs 21:14** A **gift in secret pacifieth anger**: and a reward in the bosom **strong wrath**.

### **GIFT OF CONFESSION AND FORSAKING**

**Proverbs 28:13** He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso **confesseth** and **forsaketh** them shall have mercy.

### **Jesus Christ IS SET FORTH BE A propitiation**

**Romans 3:24-26** Being **justified** [Present Passive] freely by his grace

**through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus**: 25 Whom God hath set forth *to be* a **propitiation** [mercy seat] **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** [Present Active] of him which believeth in Jesus.

### **HIS BLOOD PACIFIETH GOD'S ANGER**

**Romans 5:8,9** 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** ( [future passive; at the judgment seat) through him.

### **FINAL Justification is AT THE END**

**1 Corinthians 4:3-5** But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self. **4** For I know nothing by myself; [though I cannot charge myself with unfaithfulness] **YET AM I NOT HEREBY JUSTIFIED**: but **he that judgeth me is the Lord**. **5**

Therefore judge nothing before the time, **until the Lord come**

, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and **then shall every man have praise of God**.

### **we might be justified**

**Galatians 2:16** Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by **the faith of Jesus Christ** , even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that **we might be justified** [aor.pass.subj] **by the faith of Christ** , and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

### **THE Justified will BE MADE an heir of the kingdom**

**Titus 3:7** That being **justified** by his grace, **we may** [Middle Sub - [or may not]] **be made heirs** [of the Kingdom] according to the hope of eternal **age lasting life**. [The Promise 1John2: 25]

### **JUSTIFIED ARE EXALTED**

**Revelation 1:5-6** .... Unto him that loved us, and **washed us** [made us unchargeable] from our sins **in his own blood** , [Justified by His blood] **6** And hath **made us kings and priests** [Exalted] unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

### **SEEK TO BE JUSTIFIED BY CHRIST**

**Galatians 2:17** But if, while we **seek** [present, active, participle] **to be justified by Christ** , we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid.