

# SACRED TRUTHS

## Justification

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How we are made right before God is called “Justification”. It is the dividing line between the Biblical Gospel of Salvation by faith alone and all the false gospels of salvation based on good works.

“Justify” is the Gk word (dikaio) which has 2 basic meanings:

- 1 – Declare you righteous
- 2 – Show your righteousness

Justification is:

- A gift (like faith is)  
See Eph. 2:8-9, Romans 3:23-24
- It comes after faith - Romans 3:26
- Results in peace with God - Romans 5:1
- Has nothing to do with our works - Romans 3:28;  
Gal. 2:16

Problem: see James 2:24

Answer: James use the word differently than Paul does.

Paul = declares you to be righteous

James = Shows you to be righteous

Examples:

Luke 16:15

James 2:21

So Justification is...

An instantaneous legal declaration in which God declares my sins forgiven, imputes Jesus Christ's righteousness to me, and now considers me righteous in His sight.

Why is it Important?

1. Reminds me of the sacrifice Jesus made for me
2. Reminds me of my need for His work
3. Reminds me that God has in fact changed me by faith
4. Reminds me that my past has been removed
5. Reminds me that I will not be judged on my merits
6. Reminds me to be thankful

### Questions

- Why is Justification so important?
- How does the world change justification? Do you think we as believers do the same thing? Why?
- Why does it matter to God?
- Why and how should it matter to me?
- How do you explain this to a brand new believer or someone outside the church?
- Should Justification make me confident? Arrogant? What about humble?