

APPENDIX
THE DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION EXPLAINED AND APPLIED
A SERMON BY WALTER MARSHALL
(ROMANS 3:23-26)

*“...THE ARTICLE WITH AND BY WHICH THE CHURCH STANDS,
WITHOUT WHICH IT FALLS.” MARTIN LUTHER*

*“IF THE ARTICLE OF JUSTIFICATION IS LOST, ALL CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE
IS LOST AT THE SAME TIME.” MARTIN LUTHER*

*...THIS DOCTRINE CAN NEVER BE TAUGHT, URGED, AND REPEATED ENOUGH. IF THIS DOCTRINE BE
LOST, THEN IS ALSO THE DOCTRINE OF TRUTH, LIFE, AND SALVATION, ALSO LOST AND GONE. IF THIS
DOCTRINE FLOURISH, THEN ALL GOOD THINGS FLOURISH; RELIGION, THE TRUE SERVICE OF GOD,
THE GLORY OF GOD, THE RIGHT KNOWLEDGE OF ALL THINGS WHICH ARE NECESSARY FOR A
CHRISTIAN MAN TO KNOW, MARTIN LUTHER*

*“...WE MUST NOW DISCUSS THESE MATTERS THOROUGHLY. AND WE MUST SO DISCUSS THEM AS TO
BEAR IN MIND THAT THIS IS THE MAIN HINGE ON WHICH RELIGION TURNS, SO THAT WE DEVOTE THE
GREATER ATTENTION AND CARE TO IT. FOR UNLESS YOU FIRST OF ALL GRASP WHAT YOUR
RELATIONSHIP TO GOD IS, AND THE NATURE OF HIS JUDGMENT CONCERNING YOU, YOU HAVE
NEITHER A FOUNDATION ON WHICH TO ESTABLISH YOUR SALVATION NOR ONE ON WHICH TO BUILD
PIETY TOWARD GOD,” JOHN CALVIN*

INTRODUCTION:

A. THE SUBJECT OF THIS TEXT: HOW SINNERS ARE JUSTIFIED, P. 126, 239

THIS TEXT FROM ROMANS 3 IS CONSIDERED THE “GOSPEL OF GOSPELS.” IT IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT EXPRESSIONS OF THE GOSPEL IN THE BIBLE. IT EXPLAINS THE GOSPEL AS BRIEFLY, YET AS FULLY, AS ANY OTHER PASSAGE IN THE BIBLE.”

B. SUMMARY:

IN ROMANS 3:23-26, PAUL SHOWS WHAT THE GOSPEL TEACHES CONCERNING THE WAY OF JUSTIFICATION. IN THE VERSES PRIOR TO THIS TEXT, PAUL HAS OVERTHROWN EVERY ATTEMPT BY ANYONE, JEW AND GENTILE ALIKE, TO BE JUSTIFIED BY THEIR WORKS. NOW, PAUL REVEALS A RIGHTEOUSNESS TOTALLY APRT FROM THE LAW. HERE, PAUL SHOWS WHAT THE GOSPEL TEACHES ABOUT HOW PEOPLE ARE JUSTIFIED BEFORE GOD. ONLY THE GOSPEL REVEALS THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD (ROM. 1:16-17). JUSTIFICATION IS THE FIRST BENEFIT THE BELIEVER RECEIVES THROUGH UNION WITH CHRIST. IT IS THE FOUNDATION OF EVERY OTHER SPIRITUAL BENEFIT YOU HAVE. ROMANS 3:23-26 IS “...CONSIDERED THE GOSPEL OF GOSPELS (EVANGELIUM EVANGELII) P. 239

C. DEF. OF JUSTIFICATION: PP. 239-241

"THOSE WHOM GOD EFFECTUALLY CALLS HE ALSO FREELY JUSTIFIES, NOT BY INFUSING RIGHTEOUSNESS INTO THEM, BUT BY PARDONING THEIR SINS, AND BY ACCOUNTING AND ACCEPTING THEM AS RIGHTEOUS, NOT FOR ANYTHING WROUGHT IN THEM, OR DONE BY THEM, BUT FOR CHRIST'S SAKE ALONE. THEY ARE NOT JUSTIFIED BECAUSE GOD RECKONS AS THEIR RIGHTEOUSNESS EITHER THEIR FAITH, THEIR BELIEVING, OR ANY OTHER ACT OF EVANGELICAL OBEDIENCE. THEY ARE JUSTIFIED WHOLLY AND SOLELY BECAUSE GOD IMPUTES TO THEM CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS. HE IMPUTES TO THEM CHRIST'S ACTIVE OBEDIENCE TO THE WHOLE LAW AND HIS PASSIVE OBEDIENCE IN DEATH. THEY RECEIVE CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH, AND REST ON HIM. THEY DO NOT POSSESS OR PRODUCE THIS FAITH THEMSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD." (1689 LONDON BAPTIST CONFESSION, CHAPTER 11, SECTION 1)

1. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN "TO MAKE RIGHTEOUS" AND "TO DECLARE RIGHTEOUS."

"...JUSTIFICATION IS NOT A REAL CHANGE OF A SINNER IN HIMSELF (THOUGH A REAL CHANGE IS ANNEXED TO IT) BUT ONLY A RELATIVE CHANGE WITH REFERENCE TO GOD'S JUDGMENT. AND THUS THE WORD IS USED IN THE TEXT...(ROM. 3:23-26), IT IS BEYOND ALL DOUBT MEANT OF BEING REDEEMED AND ACCOUNTED JUST IN THE SIGHT OF GOD..." P. 127, ORIGINAL VERSION

2. 2 ASPECTS OF JUSTIFICATION: FORGIVENESS AND IMPUTATION (CF., W/P. 248)

IN JUSTIFICATION, OUR SINS ARE NOT ONLY FORGIVEN (PARDONED), BUT BY IMPUTATION (AN ACCOUNTING TERM MEANING TO CREDIT OR RECKON) WE ARE ALSO REGARDED AS IF WE HAVE PERFECTLY FULFILLED GOD'S LAW (WILL; CF., JOHN CALVIN, INSTITUTES, 3.11.2, 21, 23).

D. THE WORD JUSTIFY IS USED IN DIFFERENT WAYS IN THE BIBLE: P. 240

1. JUSTIFICATION IS A JUDICIAL TERM FROM THE LAW COURTS AND OFTEN REFERS TO TRIAL AND JUDGMENT, CF., 1 COR. 4:3-4. P. 240
2. JUSTIFICATION IS THE OPPOSITE OF BEING CONDEMNED IN THE JUDGMENT, CF., DEUT. 25:2; MATT. 12:37, P. 240
3. JUSTIFICATION IS THE OPPOSITE OF BOTH ACCUSATION AND CONDEMNATION, OF BEING ACCUSED, OR AT FAULT, CF., ROM. 8:33-34; JOB 9:20; 13:15, 19, P. 240
4. JUSTIFICATION IS THE OPPOSITE OF BEING CONDEMNED, CF., 1 KINGS 8:32; ISA. 5:23; PROV. 17:15; JOB 27:5, P. 240

E. JUSTICE OR RIGHTEOUSNESS MEANS AT LEAST TWO THINGS:

1. THE BASIC NATURE OF AN ACTION CAN BE RIGHTEOUS, E.G., "HE DID A RIGHTEOUS DEED." P. 240
2. AN ACTION CAN BE RIGHTEOUS BEFORE THE LAW, AND THUS BEFORE A JUDGING BODY. (NOTE: IN THIS SECOND CASE, RIGHTEOUS ACTIONS ARE CONSIDERED RIGHTEOUS BECAUSE GOD THE JUDGE DEEMS THEM TO BE RIGHTEOUS.) P. 240

"NOW APPLY THIS TO CHRISTIANS WHO ARE JUSTIFIED. WHEN YOU ARE JUSTIFIED BY FAITH IN CHRIST, THERE IS NO REAL CHANGE THAT TAKES PLACE WITHIN IN YOU AS A SINNER. YOU ARE STILL SINFUL. THE CHANGE THAT TAKES PLACE INVOLVES THE WAY GOD JUDGES YOU. (TO BE SURE, ONCE YOU ARE JUSTIFIED, YOUR LIFE WILL BEGIN TO CHANGE. HOWEVER, THIS IS THE PROCESS OF SANCTIFICATION, NOT JUSTIFICATION.) THIS IS THE WAY PAUL IS USING THE TERM "JUSTIFIED" IN ROMANS 3. IT IS A LEGAL TERM. IT MEANS THAT YOU ARE NO LONGER CONDEMNED BY THE LAW OF GOD AND THE JUSTICE OF GOD. YOUR STATUS BEFORE THE LAW OF GOD IS NOW ONE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, AS IF YOU HAD KEPT THE LAW PERFECTLY. THE TEXT MEANS THAT YOU ARE CONSIDERED AND ACCOUNTED JUST, OR RIGHTEOUS, IN THE SIGHT OF GOD." P. 241

F. CONFUSION OVER JUSTIFICATION

"MANY PEOPLE FALL INTO CONFUSION ABOUT WHAT JUSTIFICATION REALLY MEANS. MANY PEOPLE THINK THAT WHEN THEY ARE JUSTIFIED, THEY ACTUALLY BECOME RIGHTEOUS IN THEIR CHARACTER. THIS, OF COURSE, IS IMPOSSIBLE. YOU ARE STILL SINFUL. THE CHANGE INVOLVES YOUR LEGAL STANDING BEFORE GOD THE LAWGIVER AND JUDGE. IN CHRIST, YOUR STATUS IS ONE OF PERFECT RIGHTEOUSNESS," P. 240

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4 WAYS THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT GENTILES CAN BE ACCEPTED BY GOD WITHOUT BECOMING JEWS. PP. 243-244

- A. EVEN THOUGH JEWS HAD GREAT PRIVILEGES, THEY HAD TO BE JUSTIFIED BY GRACE AS MUCH AS GENTILES DID.

- B. GOD IS THE GOD OF THE GENTILES AS WELL AS THE JEWS (ROM. 3:29), WHICH IS WHAT GOD PROMISED ALL ALONG (ROM. 4:9-12; GAL. 3:8; ISA. 19:25; ZECH. 14:9)
 - C. ABRAHAM WAS JUSTIFIED BEFORE HE WAS CIRCUMCISED, SO THAT HE MIGHT BECOME THE FATHER OF ALL WHO BELIEVE (ROM. 4:10-12)
 - D. JUSTIFICATION IS BY FAITH AND NOT BY WORKS OF THE LAW. THE JEWS HAVE NO INHERENT QUALIFICATIONS TO BE JUSTIFIED.
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 - B. GOD WANTS TO REMOVE ANY REASON FOR BOASTING ON YOUR PART. (EPH. 2:7-9; ROM. 3:27)

"HE WILL HAVE ALL THE PRAISE AND GLORY, THOUGH WE HAVE THE BLESSEDNESS (EPH. 2:7-9)."

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1. CHRIST GAVE HIMSELF AS A RANSOM BY THE WILL OF GOD TO REDEEM US FROM SIN AND PUNISHMENT, AND GOD'S WRATH AND CURSE (TITUS 2:14; 1 COR. 1:30; 6:20; MATT. 20:28; 1 PET. 1:18-19; 2:24; 2 PET. 2:1; REV. 5:9; GAL. 3:13; 2 COR. 5:21; ISA. 53:5-6, ETC...) P. 246

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1A. HE SATISFIED OUR DEBT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, PP. 246-247

1B. HE SATISFIED OUR DEBT OF PUNISHMENT, PP. 246-247

2. GOD ACCEPTED THIS PRICE TO SATISFY HIS JUSTICE, WHICH HE SHOWED IN RAISING CHRIST FROM THE DEAD, AND SO ACCEPTING HIM FOR ALL OUR SINS, CF., ROM. 4:25. P. 247

3. THIS REDEMPTION IS IN CHRIST AND NO MAN CAN HAVE IT EXCEPT HE BE IN CHRIST AND HAVE CHRIST. P. 247

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JUSTIFICATION INVOLVES TWO ASPECTS: P. 248

- A. YOURS SINS ARE COMPLETELY FORGIVEN
- B. YOU ARE RECKONED AS RIGHTEOUS IN GOD'S SIGHT

NOTE: SOMETIMES JUSTIFICATION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS ARE USED INTERCHANGEABLY, CF., ACTS 13:38-39, ROM. 4:6-8; 2 Co. 5:19-21; ROM. 5:17. P. 248

WHY JUSTIFICATION AND FORGIVENESS ARE USED INTERCHANGEABLY:
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2. FAITH IS NOT ACT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT EARNS YOUR JUSTIFICATION. P. 249
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- A. GOD REMOVES THE CHARGE OF SIN AGAINST YOUR ACCOUNT, P. 250
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VII. WHEN DOES GOD DECLARE YOU RIGHTEOUS? RIGHT NOW UNDER THE GOSPEL, PP. 250-251

- A. THE GROUND OF OT PARDON OF SIN, CHRIST

(IT WAS REVEALED WHEN CHRIST CAME; ISA. 51:5-6; 56:1; DAN. 9:24; 2 TIM. 1:9-10). P. 250

BECAUSE OF CHRIST'S COMING, THE OT PARDONS ARE NOT A BLEMISH ON GOD'S JUSTICE THAT IS NOW SATISFIED BY CHRIST'S DEATH (EX. 34:7; PS. 85:10). P. 250

- B. 2 IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS:

- 1. BY RIGHTEOUSNESS, PAUL MEANS THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD (I.E., CHRIST'S SATISFACTION OF THE LAW FOR YOU, PERFECT CONFORMITY TO GOD'S REQUIREMENTS IN THE LAW), PP. 250-251

- 2. GOD'S PURPOSE WAS TO DECLARE, THE PRESENT TIME, THAT HE JUSTLY AND RIGHTEOUSLY FORGAVE THE SINS THAT WERE COMMITTED DURING THE TIME OF THE OT. P. 251

NOTE: CHRIST IS THE LAMB SLAIN BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD (REV. 13:8). THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS THAT THE RIGHTEOUSNESS WAS NOT ACTUALLY FULFILLED AND REVEALED IN THE OT, BUT IT WAS SHADOWED THEN, BY SACRIFICES, RANSOMS, REDEMPTIONS, ETC.. (HEB. 10:1, 2, 3, 9, 10). P. 251

VIII. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF GOD JUSTIFYING SINNERS? TO DECLARE THAT HE IS JUST IN FORGIVING SINS, AND THAT HE IS THE JUSTIFIER OF ALL THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST (NOTE: THIS PRINCIPLE GETS TO THE HEART OF THE ISSUE). P. 252

A. THE PURPOSE OF JUSTIFICATION:

1. TO REVEAL GOD'S JUSTICE WHEN HE JUSTIFIES SINNERS THROUGH CHRIST;
2. TO REVEAL GOD'S GLORY WHEN HE GRACIOUSLY JUSTIFIES SINNERS BY HIS OWN MERCY, P. 252, ("HERE THE ESSENTIAL PROPERTY OF GOD IS EXALTED, AND APPEARS GLORIOUS IN JUSTIFYING BY THE FOREMENTIONED RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD." P. 131, ORIGINAL VERSION)

B. 3 TRUTHS TO SUPPORT THE PURPOSE OF JUSTIFICATION:

1. GOD JUSTIFIES HIS PEOPLE FREELY BY HIS GRACE, BUT MUST COMBINE BOTH JUSTICE AND MERCY IN OUR SALVATION TO MAINTAIN HIS JUSTICE. P. 252

"GOD WOULD HAVE JUSTICE AND MERCY TO MEET IN OUR SALVATION (PS. 85:10)." P. 131, ORIGINAL VERSION

2. GOD WANTS TO MAKE KNOWN TO EVERYONE THAT HE ALONE IS JUST, THUS WHEN HE SAVES, HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS IS EXALTED EVEN MORE BY ANOTHER'S UNRIGHTEOUSNESS. P. 252
3. GOD WANTS YOU TO KNOW THAT HE IS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN PROVIDE AND ESTABLISH YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT WE MIGHT GLORY IN THE LORD ONLY! P. 252

APPLICATION:

3 USES OR APPLICATIONS OF JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH:

- I. JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH GIVES YOU GREAT ENCOURAGEMENT, COMFORT AND JOY. PP. 132-133, 253-257

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11 REASONS WHY BELIEVERS ARE SO BLESSED: PP. 253-257

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- B. YOU ARE DELIVERED FROM ALL CONDEMNATION BEFORE GOD (GAL. 3:13), P. 253
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- F. YOU POSSESS A RIGHTEOUSNESS OF INFINITE VALUE BECAUSE IT IS THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD (JER. 23:6; HEB. 9:14), P. 255
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- H. BECAUSE YOU HAVE BEEN JUSTIFIED, YOU WILL ALSO RECEIVE HOLINESS AND GLORY. P. 256
- I. BECAUSE YOU HAVE BEEN JUSTIFIED, YOU CAN BE SURE THAT ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR YOUR GOOD. P. 256

“GOD WILL NEVER BE WROTH (I.E., EXTREMELY ANGRY) WITH US, NOR REBUKE US IN ANGER ANY MORE (ISA. 54:9; ROM. 5:2-5).” P. 133, ORIGINAL; P. 256, REVISED

- J. BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN JUSTIFIED, WE CAN COME BEFORE GOD WITHOUT ANY FEAR. P. 256-257
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- A. HAVE YOU REALLY COME TO UNDERSTAND THE DEPTHS OF YOUR SIN? DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THE LAW OF GOD CONDEMNS YOU? P. 257
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- C. ARE YOU TRUSTING IN CHRIST WITH CONFIDENCE? OR, ARE YOU UNSURE, STILL IN SUSPENSE ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT CHRIST CAN SAVE YOU? P. 258
- D. HAVE YOU COME TO CHRIST TO BE FORGIVEN OF YOUR SINS FOR THE RIGHT REASON? HAVE YOU COME TO CHRIST SO THAT YOU MAY BE FREED FROM THE SLAVERY TO SIN BEFORE THE LIVING GOD (HEB. 9:14; TITUS 2:14; 1 PET. 2:24) P. 258
- E. ARE YOU WALKING IN HOLINESS? ARE YOU SEEKING TO DEMONSTRATE YOUR FREE JUSTIFICATION BY BEARING FRUIT IN YOUR LIFE? ARE YOU LIVING OUT YOUR FAITH BY A LIFE OF GOOD WORKS? PP. 258-259

HOW WORKS JUSTIFY: "...JAMES DECLARES, FAITH THAT IS ALONE, TO BE DEAD, AND BIDS US SHOW OUR FAITH BY OUR WORKS; WHICH IS TO BE UNDERSTOOD, NOT AS IF WORKS WERE THE CONDITIONS OF ATTAINING JUSTIFICATION, BUT SURE EVIDENCES OF JUSTIFICATION ATTAINED BY FAITH, AND VERY NECESSARY (JAS. 2:14-15)...WORKS JUSTIFY US FROM SUCH ACCUSATIONS OF MEN AS WILL DENY US TO HAVE JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH, OR THAT WE HAVE A TRUE AND LIVELY FAITH, OR ARE GOOD TREES (MATT. 12:33, 37); NOT AS BEING OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS THEMSELVES, OR CONDITIONS OF OUR HAVING

CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS, OR QUALIFYING US FOR IT." P. 134,
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 - A. FIRST, YOUR OWN SIN AND MISERY
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NOTE: THIS SECTION IS VERY HELPFUL ON HOW TO DEAL
WITH SIN AS A CHRISTIAN!

4. HOLD FIRMLY TO JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH, EVEN IF THE WHOLE
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"THE DEVIL WILL STRIVE TO SCARE YOU OUT OF IT, OR STEAL IT FROM YOU; AS HE DID FROM THE JEWS, FROM THE GALATIANS, THE PAPISTS, AND MANY PROTESTANTS (GAL. 1:6). AND THE APOSTLE RECKONS IT IS BY A SPIRITUAL BEWITCHERY. HE WILL STRIVE TO GET YOU TO TRUST ON WORKS, AND TELL YOU, IT IS FOR THE PROMOTING OF HOLINESS; AND TO TRUST ON WORKS TO GET CHRIST, AND TO LAY WORKS LOWEST IN THE FOUNDATION." P. 136, ORIGINAL VERSION; PP. 264-265 IN REVISED

NOTE: "IF YOU LOSE THIS RIGHTEOUSNESS OF CHRIST, UNDER ANY COLOR OR PRETENCE WHATEVER, YOU LOSE ALL (GAL. 5:2-3)." P. 136, 265

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"IN THIS LIFE, YOU KNOW YOUR JUSTIFICATION ONLY BY FAITH. HOWEVER, AT THAT FINAL DAY, YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL OPENLY APPEAR. GOD WILL DEAL WITH YOU ACCORDING TO THIS INFINITELY VALUABLE RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED FROM CHRIST!" P. 266

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