

vocabulary of salvation



Justified

As we continue our study of the words of Salvation, it ought to bring a greater appreciation for all that God has done for us.

The Luke 15 parables illustrate that God does not expect us to come up with a solution for the mess we created. God came looking for the lost sheep (4-5) and God swept the house looking for the lost coin (8).

A. Try to recall the words in this study so far:

Sanctification _____

Atonement _____

B. Our next word in this series is "Justified," or, "Justification."

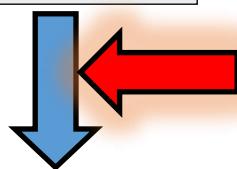
1. this is a legal word that means to be: _____
2. this is not the _____ of becoming saved, but the _____. How God sees us.

3. Examples of this word:

- 1 Cor 6:11 "Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God."
- Isaiah 6:6-7 *Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for"* (ESV)
- Gal 3:24 "Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith."

The Dilemma of the word **Justified**

We are declared
"Guilty" of sin



We are declared
"Not Guilty" of sin

1. We were actually innocent all along, but were falsely accused
2. Although guilty, there wasn't enough evidence to prove the case

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Rom 3:24-26 (4:16-5:1,9); Gal 2:16; 2 Cor 5:21
There are many ways into sin, but only one way out!

1. A corrupt judge, either bribed, or using a double standard, declared us not guilty even though we were guilty
2. Feeling sorry for us, a judge lets us go, even though we are guilty

Ephesians 2:8-9

- Why does the subject of “grace” make us uncomfortable?
- How does being “justified” affect how we view our past?

The James 2 Dilemma

1. Read James 2:14-26

- What is the answer to the question in Jas 2:14?
- Can someone show faith without works (Jas 2:18)
- Jas 2:24 is the only time “faith alone” or “faith only” is found in the N.T. What does James say about it?
 - Rom 4:2 “For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about...”
Jas 2:24 “You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone”
Which is it?

2. What was credited to Abraham was not God’s righteousness, but Abraham’s faith (Rom 4:3, 22-24)

- ESV: counted as righteous

