

God is the ONE who JUSTIFIES ~ Romans 8:33-34

→ Scripture Reading Rom 8:28, 31-34

INTRODUCTION

^{8:31} What, then, shall we say in response to this? **If God is FOR US, who can be AGAINST us?**

³² He who did not spare His own Son, **but gave Him up for us all** - how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things? (NIV)

WHO Can CONDEMN Us ? ~ Romans 8:33-34

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Justification IS the OPPOSITE of Condemnation

Romans 5:1-2 (NIV) Therefore, since we have been JUSTIFIED through FAITH, we have PEACE with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this GRACE in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

Forgiveness of sins is one part of Justification Grudem

Imputation of Christ's Righteousness to us is the other Part Grudem

Justification is a Declaration that the believer has a righteousness which perfectly and forever satisfies the Law - it is the Righteousness of Christ which is imputed or credited to the believer by God Himself. Easton's

The only condition on which this **righteousness** is **imputed** or credited to the believer is FAITH in the Lord Jesus Christ. Easton's

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...the Father judges no one, but has entrusted ALL judgment to the Son... John 5:22 (NIV)

...God will judge men's secrets THROUGH Jesus Christ... Rm. 2:16 (NIV)

The Judge of ALL men is Jesus Christ. He is the one who has **the RIGHT to condemn** - but **instead of condemning**, He is at God's right hand **INTERCEDING for us**... DSBS

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV) God made Him who had NO SIN to BE sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

^{4:25} He was delivered over to **DEATH for our sins** and was **Raised to LIFE for our Justification**. (NIV)

His death paid the price for our sins and His resurrection was proof that the payment was acceptable to God. MacArthur

Hebrews 1:3 (NIV) The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining ALL things by His powerful word. After He had provided purification for sins, He SAT DOWN at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

Hebrews 7:24-25 (NIV) ...because Jesus lives forever, He has a permanent priesthood. ²⁵ Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to INTERCEDE for them.

INTERCESSION means that Jesus Christ REPRESENTS us before the throne of God and we do not have to represent ourselves. Wiersbe

³³ Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for His own? No one - for God himself has given us right standing with Himself. ³⁴ Who then will condemn us? No one - for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and He is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us. (NLT)

IMPLICATIONS

→The Work of Salvation is FINISHED and SECURE

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Hebrews 10:11-14 (NIV) Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when this priest had offered for all time ONE sacrifice for sins, He SAT DOWN at the right hand of God.

¹³ Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool, ¹⁴ because by one sacrifice He has made PERFECT FOREVER those who are being made HOLY.

^{5:1} ...since we **have been JUSTIFIED** through **FAITH**, we **have PEACE** with God...(NIV)

^{8:1} ...there is now **NO Condemnation** for those who are **IN Christ Jesus..**

→There is NO RECORD of our sins - our Life Debt was PAID in FULL

^{8:33} Who can bring an accusation against God's elect? **God is the One who JUSTIFIES.** (HCS)

Colossians 2:13-14 (NLT) You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for He forgave ALL our sins. ¹⁴ He CANCELED the record of the CHARGES against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.

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 It is well, it is well with my soul

Psalm 103:12 (NLT) He has **REMOVED our sins** as far from us as the EAST is from the WEST.

→It is Well with my soul...

TAKE AWAY ??

→We have an ADVOCATE who INTERCEDES for us

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1 John 2:1 (HCS) My little children, I am writing you these things so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an ADVOCATE with the Father - Jesus Christ the Righteous One.

¹ ...But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in OUR DEFENSE... (NIV)

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