Romans 3:28, 4:4-5, 5:1-2 (NIV) [3:28] For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law. ...[4:4] Now when a man works, his wages are not credited to him as a gift, but as an obligation. [5] However, to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness. ...[5:1] 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.

****From: When the Darkness Will Not Lift "The best news in all the world to the 'ungodly,' who grieve under the cloud of darkness and guilt, is the news that God, by faith alone, counts them as righteous because of Christ. This is the rock where we stand when the dark clouds gather and the floods lick our feet: *Justification* is by GRACE ALONE (not mixed with our merit), through FAITH ALONE (not mixed with our works), on the basis of CHRIST ALONE (not mingling His Righteousness with ours), to the glory of GOD ALONE (not ours)." [Piper pg. 16]

PRAYER: Lord, God Thank You for the fact that YOU Justified me and made me Righteous. Thank You that I cannot do it myself that I have to Trust YOU and YOU alone to do this in me!

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