

## **JUSTIFICATION, THE GATE TO ETERNITY**

(Romans 5:1-5)

The word justification by faith is the act by which a sinner is freed through faith from the penalty of his sin and is accepted by God as righteous or worthy of being saved (Webster's dictionary).

In justification we are freed and accepted by YAHWEH as righteous. The key of our freedom from the punishment of our sins is faith; faith only and not by one's good deeds. It is through and by faith that the sinner is justified before YAHWEH to be found worthy of His salvation. The substance of faith is YAHSHUA'S taking our penalty and dying for us. It is only through Him that we have access to YAHWEH'S grace, which gives us hope. The substance of hope is the love of YAHWEH poured in our hearts by His HOLY SPIRIT.

Justification is not complete without sanctification. The trials, the tests we must experience take the name of sanctification. It builds patience, breaks the pride of the soul and conforms it to the image of YAHSHUA and builds character, a proven character, which is the individual pattern of behavior or personality; moral constitution; moral strength, self-discipline, good reputation (Webster's dictionary). A proven and tested character is without a doubt a light shining brightly into the darkness of the world, defining the truth and separating the true born again person from those who pretend to be.

The word character is a broad word encircling and defining one's behavior as marked sanctified; it is the reflection of the work of the HOLY SPIRIT done in one's life. Proven character shines out hope; hope is the substance of the certainty of our position with Christ in the promise of our salvation.

In justification there is reconciliation; reconciliation between YAHWEH and man. Man's position of reconciliation with YAHWEH must be with repentance, brokenness of heart and spirit, submission, obedience and the desire to serve Him. In YAHWEH'S justification of man, there was (1) atonement (2) forgiveness (3) justification (4) deliverance (5) sanctification (6) glorification. In YAHWEH'S reconciliation He calls us unto Himself to be sanctified and to be made holy as He is holy through His SPIRIT.

The road of justification is through pain and hurts; no other road will take us heavenward, for not every road leads to heaven, as it is said of all roads lead to Rome. Justification is the road that leads to heaven, because in it we have an access to the grace of YAHWEH, through which we are positioned with Christ through faith. The gift of faith grows into more wonderful gifts: hope, which girds our mind with joy, exultant joy, the gift of love, which embraces us with salvation and delivers us from the eternal punishment; the gift of peace, which girds the soul-mind, emotion, will with calmness and certainty of the presence of YAHWEH irradiating the inner feeling of perfect peace, even in our sufferings because we understand that sufferings will produce in us patient and endurance according to the words of Paul in Romans 5:1-5.

The certainty of our salvation is confirmed in the fact that if while we were enemies we were reconciled to YAHWEH through the death of His Son, it is much certain now that we are reconciled, that we shall be saved (vs.10). Justification declares that we are on the right standing with YAHWEH; we are in His Son, and under no more condemnation, free from the law of sin and his eternal consequences. Our justification weighted heavily on YAHSHUA when He took our iniquities and guilt upon Himself. No one can conceive the understanding of His sufferings to justify us; no one would suffer for anyone in the measure that YAHSHUA suffered for our justification. We know that justification has united man to YAHWEH and freed him from the grips of Satan. If we could only grasp the true meaning of this deed of YAHWEH toward us, we would show more appreciation to Him by our love and obedience. Through justification the grace of YAHWEH reached us and blessed us with His favor, even unworthy of it. John Newton wrote this concerning grace: *the grace of God influences both the understanding and the affections. Warm affections, without knowledge, can rise no higher than superstition; and that knowledge which does not influence the heart and affections, will only make a hypocrite.* The grace of YAHWEH penetrates the soul with spiritual knowledge of His unconditional love, through our relationship with Him. Justified, we are no longer under condemnation; justified we are free from the power and accusations of the enemy and the guilt of our sins, no matter how bad they were. If YAHWEH is for us who [can be] against us? Who shall bring any charge against YAHWHE'S elect [when it is] YAHWEH Who **justifies** (Romans 8:31, 33)? What is your position with YAHWEH, justified or condemned?

**THINK ABOUT IT!**