

Justification and Deliverance

Results of Christ's Death (4)

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FACT: What we have done — 'sinned and come short of the glory of God' (Romans 3:23).

QUESTION: 'How can man be just with God?' (Job: 9:2).

ANSWER: By justification (Romans 3:21-5:11).

FACT: What we are — 'full of sin' (Luke 5:8; Romans 7:18).

QUESTION: 'Who can bring a clean man out of the unclean?' (Job 14:4).

ANSWER: God, by divine deliverance (Romans 5:12 - 8:4).

BASIS: The death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

Justification

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Righteousness: Dikaio-sunee

(Justification = to be clothed with the righteousness of God)

No righteousness of our own

- 'There is none righteous, no not one' (Romans 3:10; Psalm 14 & 53:2-3).
- 'All our righteousness's are as filthy rags' (Isaiah 64:6).
- '...by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in God's sight' (Romans 3:20. See also Romans 4).

The righteousness of God secured and revealed

- This is 'righteousness of God' secured by the death of the Lord Jesus, 'who was delivered for our offences and raised again for our justification' (Romans 4:25. See also Exodus chapters 12 and 14).
- It is 'righteousness of God' revealed in the gospel (Romans 1:17).
- God can be just (righteous) in justifying (clothing in righteousness) the believer (Romans 3:26).

Justification

The 'Righteousness of God' applied to the believer

- While it is towards 'all' it is only 'upon all them that believe'. (Romans 3:22).
- It is 'upon' the believer 'through faith in His blood' (Romans 3:25).
- 'Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ' (Romans 5:1).

(NOTE: We are NOT justified by the 'righteousness of Christ'— by the personal righteousness that He manifested as a Man under the law).

Some other references:

- 'Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth'. (Romans 8:33).
- 'And by Him, all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses' (Acts 13:39).
- '...but ye are justified in the Name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God'. (1 Corinthians 6:11).

Deliverance

Justification: What we have done.

Deliverance: What we are.

We have a fallen nature:

'sin in the flesh' (Romans 8:3).

'the flesh' (Romans 7:5).

'my flesh' (Romans 7:18).

(Caution: 'the flesh' does not refer to the human body (John 12:1).

Not all references to 'flesh' refer to fallen human nature—'And the Word became flesh' (John 1:14)).

BUT

We also have a new nature that:

'doth not commit sin' (1 John 3:9).

'yields itself 'unto God' (Romans 6:13).

Has 'fruit unto holiness, and the end eternal life'
(Romans 6:22).

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'Old' nature



'New' nature



How are we set free from the old nature and enabled to walk in the new nature?

1) By **KNOWING** what God has done in Christ:

.'that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed (annulled), that henceforth we should not serve sin' (Romans 6:6).

.'he that is dead is freed from sin' (Romans 6:7).

.'in that He died, He died unto sin once; but in that He liveth, He liveth unto God' (Romans 6:10).

'the truth shall make you free' (John 8:32)

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How are we set free from the 'old' nature and enabled to walk in the 'new' nature?

2) By **RECKONING** in the light of what God has done:

.'reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God, through Jesus Christ our Lord' (Rom. 6:11. See also Joshua 3).

3) By practically **YIELDING** to God day by day:

.'Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin:' (Romans 6:13a)

.'but yield yourselves unto God as those that are alive from the dead (Romans 6:13b).

.'for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity;' (Romans 6:19a)

.'even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness' (Romans 6:19b).

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How are we set free from the 'old' nature and enabled to walk in the 'new' nature?

4) By **WALKING** in the Spirit:

.'This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lusts of the flesh' (Galatians 5:16).

.'That the righteous requirement of the law should be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to flesh but according to Spirit (Rom. 8:4. There are 18 references to the (Holy) Spirit in Romans chapter 8).

SUMMARY:

.'I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me' (Galatians 2:20).see also Galatians 2:16,20

.'If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed' (John 8:36).