

# Resurrection

## JUSTIFIED!

**Romans 4:20-25**

Matthew 27:57-28:8; 1 Cor 15:1-8, 12-20



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### What Did Jesus Say?

1. He said He came from Heaven. (John 3:13; 6:33, 35, 38, 51)
2. He said He existed before Abraham. (John 8:58)
3. He said, "I am GOD." (John 10:30-33)
4. He said, "I am without sin." (John 8:46)
5. He said He can forgive sin. (Psalm 51:4; Mark 2:5; Luke 5:20-24; 7:48-49) **BUT only God can forgive sin!!!**
6. He said, "Unless you eat My flesh and drink My blood, you have no life in you." (John 6:53)
7. He said, "If you keep (obey) My Word you will never see death." (John 8:51)
8. He said He is the **only** way to God. (John 14:6)
9. He said He would conquer death. (John 10:18, 2:19-21)
10. He said He would do it on the third day! (Matt 17:23; 20:19; Mark 9:31; Luke 24:7; )
11. "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up!" (John 2:19)  
★ **AND HE DID IT!**

### Importance of the Resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:12-20)

- ① If there is no resurrection, then Christ is not risen. (v. 13)
  - ② If Christ is not risen, then our preaching is in vain. (v. 14)
  - ③ If Christ is not risen, then our faith is in vain. (v. 14)
  - ④ If Christ is not risen, we are liars. (v. 15)  
→ Christ, the apostles, every evangelist, preacher, or Bible teacher that ever lived are all liars!
  - ⑤ **If Christ is not risen, our faith is futile and we are still in our sins.** (v. 17; Romans 4:25)
  - ⑥ If Christ is not risen, those who have died in Christ have perished! (v. 18)
  - ⑦ If Christ is not risen, then we are the most pitiable people on earth. (v. 19)
- ★ **BUT** now Christ IS RISEN from the DEAD!! (v. 20)

## Justified!!!!!! (Romans 4:25)

- Justification is one of God's greatest graces. (Romans 8:29-30)



- Definition: An act of God's free grace unto sinners, in which He pardons all their sins, accepts and accounts their persons righteous in His sight; not for any thing wrought in them, or done by them, but only for the perfect obedience and full satisfaction of Christ, by God imputed to them, and received by faith alone.
- Key Words:
  - An act of GOD and GOD alone! (Romans 8:33-34; 3:26)
  - Free grace – see Romans 3:24; “**without cause**” in John 15:25.
  - Pardons – not forgives. See Isaiah 43:25; Jeremiah 50:20.
  - ALL - Not some. Not only those of the past. Not only those of today. BUT ALL SINS! Past - Present - Future. (Hebrews 8:12; 10:16-17; Titus 2:14) **BE FILLED with AWE!**
  - Accepts – though we were sinners. (Ephesians 1:6)
  - Accounts – not makes! To justify is to “declare righteous” – see Luke 7:29. **Only one who is righteous can be justified!** (Proverbs 17:15) **MEDITATE ON THIS!**
  - NOT by anything we do BUT because of Christ's perfect obedience.
  - GOD **imputes** – accounting term.
    - ★ God imputes our sins unto Christ. (Isaiah 53:6; 2 Cor 5:19; Psalm 32:2; Romans 4:8) ALL OF OUR SINS!
    - ★ God imputes Christ's righteousness unto us! (2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 4:11, 23-24; 5:17)
  - Faith alone – only by faith, which is a gift from God, does one receive this grace. (Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 4:24)
- Consequences of Justification - look at Luke 7:29 and James 2:21-24. **Being DECLARED RIGHTEOUS by the Judge of All the Earth.**

## God's Courtroom

- Our problem in God's courtroom:
  - ① God's LAW rules in God's courtroom – NOT OUR OPINIONS!
  - ② God has declared, righteously, that we are grossly guilty. (Genesis 6:5; Romans 3:23; Ecclesiastes 7:20; Isaiah 64:6)
  - ③ The sentence of God's Law:
    - “The soul that sins it shall die.” (Ezekiel 18:4)

- “The wages of sin is death.” (Romans 6:23)
- The penalty for any sin is God’s wrath. (Romans 1:18)
- ④ God is a HOLY Judge.
  - God will render unto all men according to their deeds. (Romans 2:2, 6; Psalm 62:12; Jer 17:10; 32:19; Matt 16:27)
  - God shows no partiality to His Law.
  - God is not a respecter of persons. (1 Peter 1:17; Rom 2:11)
  - **God accepts no excuses.**
- ⑤ We are UNQUESTIONABLY guilty. (Romans 3:10-19)
- Our problems stated:
  - ☆ How can God justify the willful sinner of His Law without justifying his sins?
  - ☆ How can God deliver a sinner from the penalty of His broken Law without compromising His holiness?
  - ☆ How can life be granted to a guilty sinner without repealing the sentence “the soul that sins it shall die”?
  - ☆ How can mercy be shown to the sinner without justice being mocked?
  - ★ How can I enter heaven when no one “unclean” will ever enter in? (Revelation 21:27)

## How Did God GRACE Us? (2 Corinthians 5:21)

- GOD ordained (appointed) Jesus to be the HEAD (or representative) of His people, just as He had ordained (appointed ) Adam to be the HEAD (or representative) of “his” people.
- As Adam LIVED as our representative, so too, Christ LIVED and DIED as our representative. **SEE ROMANS 5:17-18.**
- A careful look at 2 Corinthians 5:21:
  - **GOD** is the subject of this verse. GOD is in control and GOD is doing the WORK.
  - Here, GOD is **imputing** our sins unto Christ (Isaiah 53:6) and, in like manner, **imputing** God’s (Christ’s) obedience or righteousness unto us!
  - Just as Christ KNEW or had no sin of His own, so we “knew” or had no righteousness of our own. (Isaiah 64:6; Genesis 6:5)
  - Christ was MADE SIN by having our sins placed on His account, and it was not by any criminal conduct of His own that He was “made sin”.
  - **SO TOO**, it is NOT by any pious act of our own that we become “righteous”.

- Christ was NOT “made sin” by an infusion of DEPRAVITY, **NOR** are we “made righteous” by the infusion of holiness.
- As GOD dealt with Christ “as” a sinner or, worse yet, a “mass of sins” in justice, **so too**, GOD deals with us “as” righteous persons in justice.
- Since GOD, the Judge of all the Earth, takes ALL of our sins and puts them on Christ’s account we are left with NONE on ours!
- Since GOD, the Judge of all the Earth, bestows Christ’s righteousness upon us He is JUST (righteous) in declaring us righteous in His sight!

## **ROMANS 3:26**

- IT **WAS** ALL GOD; IT WAS ALL GRACE!

### **Everyone Will Be Resurrected** (John 5:24-29)

- (John 5:29) Christ foretold TWO resurrections:
  - ❶ Resurrection of Life - for those who have done good!
    - NOTICE - NOT WHAT PEOPLE SAY (not a personal testimony) BUT WHAT PEOPLE DO!
    - We are NOT SAVED by WORKS **but** WORKS are the evidence that we believe! Biblical faith/saving faith/God-given faith ALWAYS WORKS. (James 2:14-26)
    - A “do nothing faith” - does not save!
    - We are saved by GRACE (Ephesians 2:8-10) and God’s grace “teaches us to deny **ungodliness, and worldly lust, we should live soberly, righteously, and GODLY in this present age . . .**” (Titus 2:11-14)
  - ❷ Resurrection of Condemnation - for those who have done evil!
    - Those who say “Jesus is Lord” but do not do what God commands in His Word. (Matthew 7:21-29; Luke 6:46)
    - Those who have a zeal for God but establish their own righteousness. (Romans 10:2-3)
    - Those who hear the Word of God but do not DO it. (James 1:22)
- (Romans 2:6-11) Paul taught the same truth.
- (Hebrews 9:27) It is appointed for man to die ONCE, but after this all will stand in judgment:
  - (2 Corinthians 5:10) All believers will stand before Christ at His judgment seat.
  - (Revelation 20:11-15) All unbelievers will stand before Christ at the Great White Throne.
- Which one will you be resurrected to?

### **Have You Been Justified?**