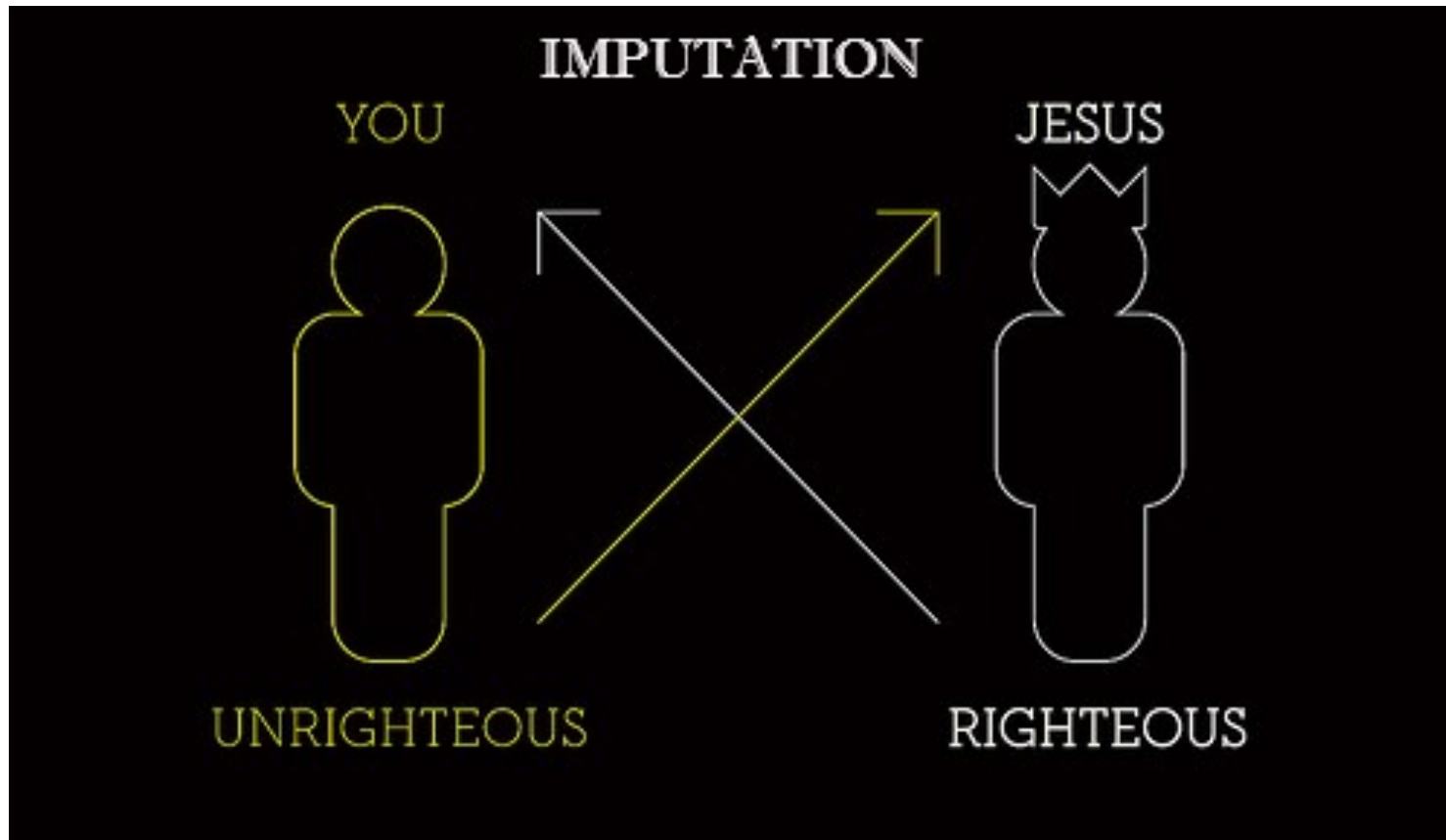


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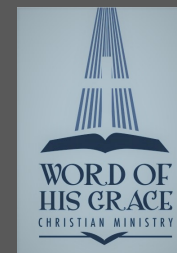
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Christ Imputes His Righteousness to Us

Justification is the legal declaration that the sinner is declared righteous by God because of the righteousness of Jesus Christ. It is not that the sinner is now sinless, but that he is "*declared*" righteous. God *imputes* (*credits to our account*) the righteousness of Christ, just as our sins were imputed to Christ on the cross. Through the substitutionary atonement and righteousness of Jesus, believers are free from condemnation.

On what basis does God pardon and justify a sinner?

“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord *Jesus Christ*” (Romans 5:1).

“And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for *Christ* sake hath forgiven you” (Ephesians 4:32).

NOTE: Justification is a judicial or declarative term, opposite of condemnation. It is the act of God, by which He pardons all sins to those who believe in Christ. This declarative act of God is based on the righteousness and atoning work of Jesus Christ, which is credited to the believer by faith alone.

What other biblical passages teach justification by faith?

“And he *believed* in the Lord; and he counted it to

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The Faith of Abraham

him for righteousness” (Genesis 15:6).

“He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant *justify* many; for he shall bear their iniquities” (Isaiah 53:11).

“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 now the righteousness of God without the *law* is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Even the righteousness of God which is by *faith* of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference” (Romans 3:21-22).

How was Abraham justified before God?

“Even as Abraham believed God, and it was *accounted* to him for righteousness” (Galatians 3:6).

“And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was *imputed* unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God” (James 2:23).

NOTE: *Imputation* is used to designate any action or word or thing as reckoned (*credited*) to a person.

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THE BLESSINGS OF BEING
JUSTIFIED
BY FAITH

ROMANS 5:1-11

Are good works ever a part of the justification process?

“Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God *imputeth* righteousness without *works*” (Romans 4:6).

“Knowing that a man is not justified by the *works* of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the *faith* of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be *justified*” (Galatians 2:16).

“Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by *faith*” (Galatians 3:24).

“Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith *without* the deeds of the law” (Romans 3:28).

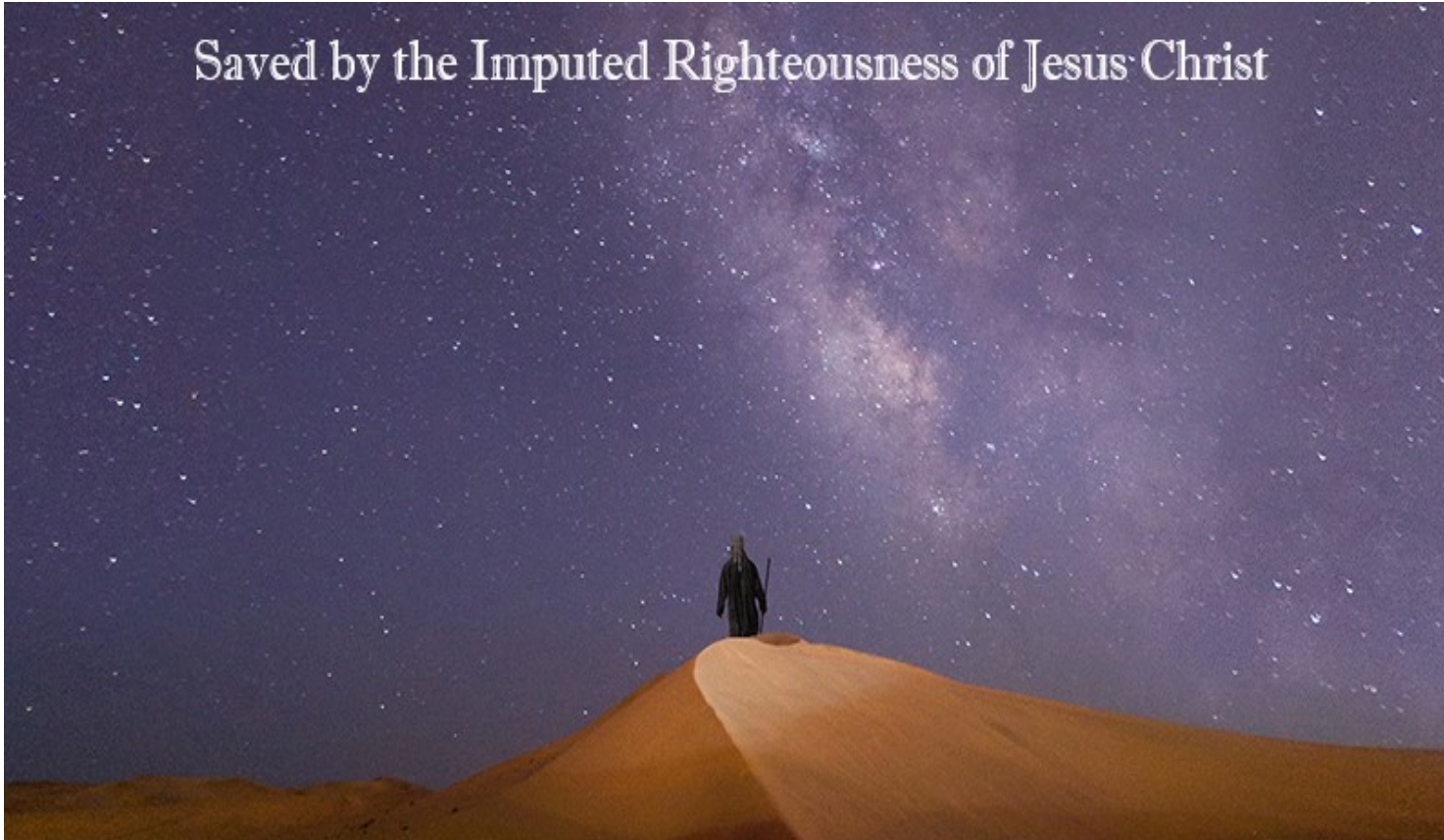
If justified by faith, why does James appear to teach otherwise?

“Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only” (James 2:24).

NOTE: As stated in lesson #10, James is simply saying that if you ‘*say*’ you are a Christian, then how you live matters. The same thought is echoed in 1 John 2:4, “*He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.*” James is in no way suggesting that we are declared

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Saved by the Imputed Righteousness of Jesus Christ



righteous by works but rather, true faith is demonstrated by how we live. In other words, works are the fruit of your faith and faith itself is the root.

Is the imputed righteous of Jesus Christ the only way to justification?

“Much more then, being now justified by *his* blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him” (Romans 5:9).

“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God *in* him.” (2 Corinthians 5:21).

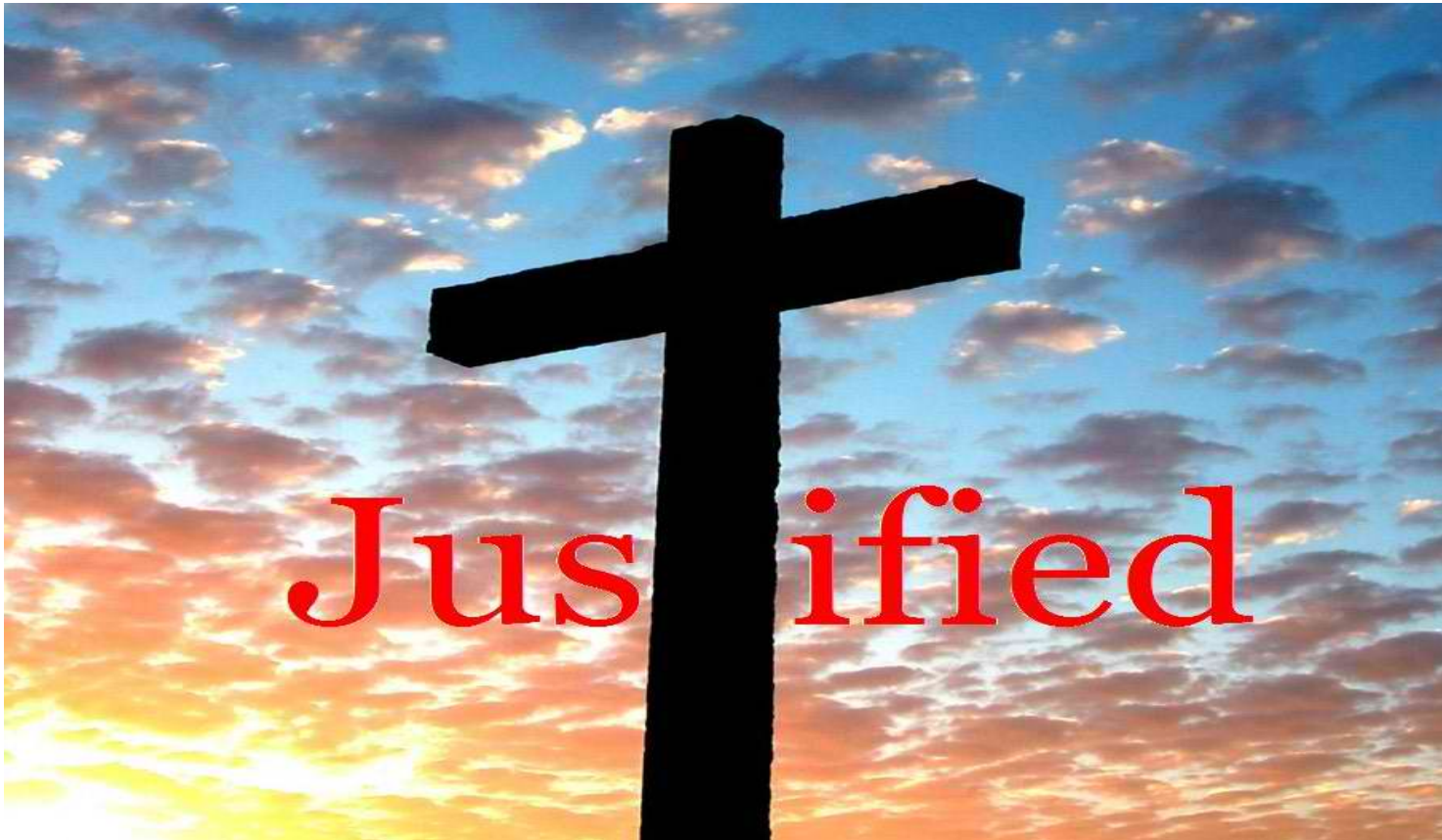
“And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have *now* received the *atonement*” (Romans 5:11).

“Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself *purge* our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high” (Hebrews 1:3).

How is justification further stressed in Scripture?

“Therefore as by the offense of one judgement came

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What does God think about those who seeking to justify themselves by good works?

“*Christ* is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law, ye are fallen from grace” (*Galatians 5:4*).

“For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before *God*” (*Romans 4:2*).

“But that no man is justified by the *law* in the sight of *God*, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith” (*Galatians 3:11*).

What type of righteousness is acceptable to God?

“What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed *not* after righteousness, have *attained* to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of *faith*” (*Romans 9:30*).

“But Israel, which followed after the *law* of righteousness, hath *not* attained to the law of righteousness” (*Romans 9:31*).

“Wherefore? Because they sought it not by *faith*, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at the stumblingstone” (*Romans 9:32*).

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JUSTIFICATION THROUGH FAITH ALONE

What does it mean to stumble over Christ?

“Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that *believeth on him* shall not be confounded” (1 Peter 2:6).

NOTE: Mankind has and continues to stumble over the *Righteousness of Christ*. Meaning, people have and continue to try and justify themselves before God. They do this by trying to be good or do good. In other words, they seek to establish their own goodness instead of accepting *Christ's goodness* by faith.

We must simply place our faith, our trust in Christ alone for justification before God!

“And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ *himself* being the chief corner stone” (Ephesians 2:20).

“And the scripture, foreseeing that God would *justify* the heathen through *faith*, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed” (Galatians 3:8).

“But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, *if* we believe *on him* that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead” (Romans 4:24).