

"SALVATION IS JUSTIFICATION"
ROMANS 3:21-26

I. THIS MARVELOUS SECTION MAKES TWO KEY STATEMENTS ABOUT THE PERSON AND PLAN OF GOD

- A. God Is Just (3:26)
- B. God Is The Justifier (3:26)

II. THIS MARVELOUS SECTION EMPLOYS PRECISE THEOLOGICAL TERMINOLOGY

- A. Righteousness (3:21)
- B. Faith (3:22)
- C. Justify / Justified (3:24)
- D. Grace (3:24)
- E. Redemption (3:24)
- F. Propitiation (3:25)
- G. His Blood (3:25)
- H. Remission (3:25)
- I. Forbearance (3:25)

III. THIS MARVELOUS SECTION TEACHES THAT SALVATION IS JUSTIFICATION

- A. What Justification Is Not
- B. What Justification Is: Including A Summary Of The Topic Thus Far
 1. Something That Results In My Being A Doer Of God's Law (2:13)
 2. A Position Before God (3:20)
 3. Something That Cannot Be Obtained By Keeping The Law (3:20)
 4. It Is Obtained Freely By The Grace Of God (3:24)

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ON
JUSTIFICATION

“Dikaioo (Δικαίωω) *to justify* is not simply to pardon. A condemned criminal, in whose favour the executive exercises his prerogative of mercy, is never said to be justified; he is simply pardoned. Nor is it to pardon and to restore to favor. When a King pardons a rebellious subject, and restores him to his former standing, he does not justify him. Nor is it *to make just inwardly*. When a man accused of a crime is acquitted or declared just in the eyes of the law, his moral character is not changed.

To justify is a forensic term; that is, it expresses the act of a judge. Justification is a judicial act...To justify, then, is not merely to pardon and restore to favor; nor is it to make inwardly holy, but it is judicially to declare or pronounce that the demands of justice are satisfied, or that there is no longer any grounds for condemnation.”