

Brandon Baptist Church

Statement of Faith

Article 5 – OF JUSTIFICATION

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Of the JUSTIFICATION

We believe that

- the great gospel blessing which Christ of His fullness,
- bestows in such as believe in Him, is Justification;
- that Justification consists in the pardon of sin,
- and the promise of eternal life, on principles of righteousness;
- that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done,
- but solely through His own redemption and righteousness;
- that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and for eternity.

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- ¹⁵ John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.’ ” ¹⁶ And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. John 1:15-17
- ⁸ To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ Ephesians 3:8

Deeper Look: Christ's Fullness

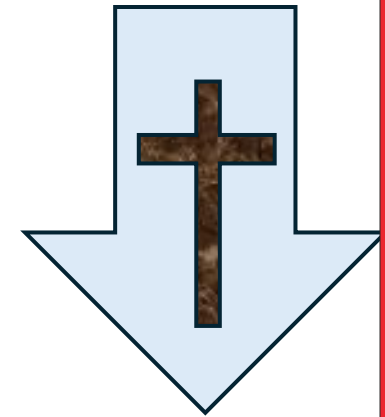
For it pleased the Father that **in Him**
all the fullness should dwell
Colossians 1:19

Who, although He existed in the form of
God, did not regard equality with God a
thing to be grasped, ⁷ but **emptied Himself**
Philippians 2:6-7

And He put all things under His feet, and
gave Him to be head over all things to the
church, ²³ which is His body, **the**
fullness of Him who fills all in all.
Ephesians 1:22-23

to know the love of Christ which passes
knowledge; that **you** may be filled with **all**
the fullness of God.
Ephesians 3:19

God's Fullness



JUSTIFICATION

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- But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. Romans 5:8-9
- “In that day a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness. Zechariah 13:1
- To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins.” Acts 10:43

Deeper Look: Justification

- **The Layman's Bible Encyclopedia 1964**
 - The establishment of a right relationship between man and God. –
- **Merriam-Webster**
 - A: to prove or show to be just, right, or reasonable
 - B: to show to have had a sufficient legal reason
- **The Urban Dictionary**
 - The act of trying to find plausible answers for your not always too bright actions, motives, speeches...

How does God Justify forgiving our sins?

Deeper Look: Justification

- Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life.
Romans 5:18
- But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins—then He said to the paralytic, “Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.” Matthew 9:6
- For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.
Ephesians 2:8-10

and the promise of eternal life, on principles of righteousness;

- For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.) Romans 5:17
- so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 5:21
- not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior Titus 3:5-6
- Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did. ²⁴ But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all men, ²⁵ and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man. John 2:23-25

Deeper Look: eternal life

- So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.
Genesis 3:24
- And He said, “Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father.” John 6:65
- Then Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁵⁵ For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. ⁵⁶ He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. ⁵⁷ As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread which came down from heaven—not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever.” John 6:53-58

that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done,

- Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt.⁵ But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness Romans 4:4-5
- Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, ²¹ so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 5:20-21
- For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23
- But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. ⁸ Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith Philippians 3:7-9

but solely through His own redemption and righteousness;

- being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, ²⁶ to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. Romans 3:24-26
- For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous. Romans 5:19
- I write to you, little children,
Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake. 1 John 2:12

that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and for eternity.

- Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; Romans 5:1-3
- And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation. Romans 5:11
- But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption 1 Corinthians 1:30
- For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness. ⁸ Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit. 1 Thessalonians 4:7-8
- But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Matthew 6:33

Deeper Look: Peace of God

- Having received God's grace, we rest in the finished work of Christ
 - The peace that Jesus had with the Father before the foundation of the world, is ours through his grace. (John 17:24)
 - We are at peace with our maker, (2 Cor 13:11)
 - with the truth incarnate,
 - with his every plan and purpose.
 - God has included us in his eternal truth and bids us to live in peace as permanent members of his family. This world, and all the philosophies of men will pass into dust and be forgotten, but those who have received his Grace will not. (1 Thes 5:23)
 - Jesus has accomplished his work, and sits at the right hand of the Father and entered into his rest. And he said that where he goes, he is preparing a place for us. A place of perfect peace. (Hebrews 3:18-4:10)

Deeper Look: Every other Blessing

- Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with **every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ**, ...

⁷ In Him we have **redemption through His blood**, the **forgiveness of sins**, according to the riches of His grace ⁸ which He made to abound toward us in **all wisdom and prudence**, ⁹ having made known to us **the mystery of His will**, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, ¹⁰ that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him. ¹¹ In Him also we have obtained **an inheritance**, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, ¹² **that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory**. ¹³ In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were **sealed with the Holy Spirit** of promise, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory. Ephesians 1:3-14

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