

Justified through Jesus

Read Romans 3:21-26; 5:1-11

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus. (Romans 3:23-24, NASB)

Having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 5:1, NASB)

Because of the death of Jesus, we are justified by faith; that is, as we trust in Christ, He declares us innocent.

How does that happen? Many trees have died and much ink has been spilled attempting to explain it. I can add nothing. I can only affirm from God's Word that because the perfect, just, innocent Son of God died, we the guilty have been declared innocent by our holy and just God.

By the inscrutable mystery of His wisdom, power, and love, our Father God has taken the most unjust act that our unjust race has ever committed – the brutal, vicious murder and humiliation of His holy, perfectly-loving Son – and through that injustice, He has brought perfect justice, not only to our race, but to all creation.

Speaking from my personal experience, all I did was confess to God that I was completely guilty; that I didn't deserve His mercy, and that my only reason for coming to Him was because He had asked me to come...commanded me to come. When I trusted, not my innocence but His goodness, He forgave me, and I knew that I was completely, utterly, deeply forgiven of all the wrong I had ever done and all the wrong I had ever been.

What's more, He declared me innocent. Innocent? Me? How could a just God do that? But He did, and I was free...forever. He adopted me as His own child. He sanctified me, set me apart, completely to Himself and to His service. He seated me at His right hand with Jesus Christ, in the throne room of all reality. And He constantly breathes His Spirit, His life, His love, and His holy loveliness in and through me.

That's how God in Christ is bringing His justice to this world, one life at a time. I cannot explain it theoretically, but I know it to be beautifully, wonderfully true.

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