
1 Corinthians 1:18: "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness: but unto us which are saved it is the power of God."

Paul wrote about (2) classes of people in the world...the perishing (or the guilty and condemned) and the saved (or the justified or made righteous).

The lost and perishing view the gospel as foolishness, but to us who are saved, it is the power of God! 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, Romans 1:16-17

We, who are saved from our sins KNOW that God saved us and changed us. 2 Corinthians 5:17

But there was much more that happened between God the Father and God the Son at the cross. God didn't just save us and wash away our sins without dealing with our sins against Him, God's JUSTICE had to be satisfied, the penalty for God's broken law must be carried out!

Nobody likes to be in trouble with the law, but how much more to be guilty of breaking God's holy law, of which we are all guilty! 1 John 3:4.

The guilt, penalty, and punishment of our sins needed to be dealt with... this is the legal aspect of our salvation!

Our Lord came to satisfy God's justice in His death, and He must be perfectly righteous in His life! And He was!

Matthew 5:17-20, John 14:30

I take you back briefly to Isaiah 53:11, where we read of that great transaction that took place between God the Father and God the Son.

In the sufferings and death of Christ on the cross, there was complete satisfaction in the mind of God the Father toward His Son in atoning for our sins; there is also this declaration from God that His righteous servant "shall justify many, for He shall bear their iniquities".

Every accusation, all the guilt and punishment that your sins deserve (Christian) were laid upon Christ. Because He was condemned in your place, you may now be justified by the faith of Christ.

What does it mean to be justified in the sight of God? It helps us to know that justification stands completely opposed to condemnation.

When God saves a sinner, by Jesus Christ, that sinner is pardoned, completely absolved, and acquitted of any guilt or condemnation... this because of Jesus' perfect obedience, sinlessness, righteousness, and His merits in keeping the law of God perfectly. NOW: All who turn from their sins to

Christ are no longer condemned and guilty but justified and declared righteous in the eyes of God!

To be justified by the blood of Christ means that God now considers, treats, or reckons you as perfectly righteous in His sight, for that to happen, justice had to be done upon His Son, and God had to be completely satisfied with the Lord Jesus' life and death upon the cross! Notice the legal terms.

Romans 3:19-26, 4:25-5:2, Acts 13:38-39, 8:1-4, 29-39, Titus 3:5-7.

And then, Christ was the propitiation for our sins!

Romans 3:25A, 1 John 2:1-2, 4:10. That big word means that God was satisfied with the sufferings and death of Christ for our sins! Nothing else and no one else could ever have done that but Christ!

Romans 8:33-34: Who shall lay anything to the CHARGE of God's elect? It is God that justifieth! Who is he that condemneth, it is Christ that died, yea, rather is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us