

JUST AND THE JUSTIFIER

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For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely **by** His grace through the redemption that is **in** Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time His righteousness: that He might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. **Rom.3:23-26.**

Being justified by faith, we have peace with God. Our conscience accuses us no longer; and judgment now decides **for** the sinner; instead of being against him.

Memory looks back on past sins, with deep sorrow, and yet without the dread of any penalty to come. For Christ has paid the debt for all men; and received the divine receipt as it were from God the Father Himself. God received Christ, accepting the payment of His own blood. Exalting Him; to His own right hand.

The very enlightenment given us by God through Christ; shows us God is just; at our beginnings this brought terror; for we knew God would be just in destroying us because of our sins. But this same belief, that God is Just has become the pillar of our confidence and peace!

If God be just, and He is; and I a sinner without Gods provision, must be punished. Praise God! Jesus stands in my stead, your stead, the stead of the whole world.

And now, if God be just, and He is; and I a sinner standing in Christ, can never be separated from God.

God would have to change His nature; for one soul, for whom Christ stood, to ever suffer eternal death.

Therefore, Jesus having tasted death for everyman; has rendered a full pardon for all who would believe on Him. By the shedding of His own blood, He turned the full wrath of God away from all that deserve to suffer for sin. He suffered for what we have done.

By His stripes we are healed. Triumphant or the grave. He gave us victory over death to life everlasting.

Who shall lay anything to God's elect? Not God! For He is just and He hath justified; Not Christ! For He hath died, yea rather hath risen!

Our hope lives! Not because we're not sinners, but because we are sinners for whom Christ died. Our trust is not that we are holy, but that He is our righteousness.

Our faith rests not on what we are or shall be; or what we know or feel; but what Christ is! What He has done, what He has accomplished for the Father; and what He is doing now in each one of us.

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Thanks be to God; that He **is** Just and He **is** the Justifier of him that believeth in Jesus. I exhort you brethren, to keep believing in Jesus; and you will be just in the sight of God. **Amen.**

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