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JUSTIFICATION

The Greek word *theek·eh·o·sees*, translated “justification”, denotes the placement of one in a righteous standing before God by divine declaration. Justification is a legal term. In this view, the believer stands before the judgment court of God and is declared to be justified based upon the application of the blood of Christ as the basis for the forgiveness of his sin nature. Therefore justification is more than a “not guilty verdict” in that it qualifies one to stand before God in a state of innocence because of what Jesus Christ accomplished on the Cross.

Justification does not depend upon anything contributed or provided by the one who is justified, thus it is not internally merited but it is externally decreed. It has nothing to do with the worthiness of the guilty one being acquitted, but it takes into account his offence being satisfied by the provision of the sin sacrifice (Blood of Jesus Christ). As a result of this act, the accused one is cleared of all offences even though he is guilty as charged, yet justice has been served in that the offence has been justly dealt with.

Romans 8:33 states, “who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God that justifies”. Thus there is no sin that can condemn the one justified, to hell. Once God declares him to be just, no one, not even the Devil himself can level a charge against the one freed. Justification has nothing to do with the believer’s state as it simply defines his status. In this sense it is not subjective but it is objective. It is not focused on the believer’s conduct (even though conduct is crucial to a good testimony), but on what God has assessed on the basis of the workings of Jesus Christ (Romans 4: 4,5).

Accordingly, justification is the total work of God in eternity unaffected and uninfluenced by anything outside of Himself. It is not about what its recipient has done or can do but its motive is solely traced to what God has done in eternity (Ephesians 1:4-6). Thus the foundation of justification is the faithfulness of Jesus Christ in providing the justice for God’s love, mercy, forgiveness and grace to His chosen ones. In this decreed state, the justified one stands face to face before God without any fear of condemnation or rejection from Him (Romans 5:1; 8:1). See “An Understanding of the Doctrine of Justification”, Exegesis on the doctrine of Justification” and “Justification, A Total Work of God” .