

THE EXPLANATION OF JUSTIFICATION BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH

(Romans 3:21-26)

I. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD REVEALED: MAN'S SIN AND GOD'S CONDEMNATION (1:18-3:20)

II. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD RECEIVED: HIS JUSTIFICATION TO ALL BELIEVERS (3:21-5:21)

A. The Explanation of JUSTIFICATION (3:21-31)

1. The word "*justify*" means to _____ or _____ a person as righteous.
2. Theologically speaking, justification is the _____ of God in declaring righteous the sinner who _____ in Jesus Christ.

B. Justification BEFORE GOD...

1. is a gift from _____ (v. 21a)
2. is apart from trying to keep the _____, but is witnessed to by the Old Testament _____ (v. 21b)
3. is acquired by _____ alone (v. 22a)

4. is available to _____ (v. 22b)

5. is provided in spite of _____ (v. 23)

6. is given _____ (Gk. *dorean*) by God's _____ (Gk. *charis*) (v. 24a)

7. is accomplished by Christ's _____ and _____ work,
thus it costs man _____ (vv. 24b-25)

8. is obtained _____ God _____ His holy character (v. 26)

* How can you personally apply this truth today in your own life?