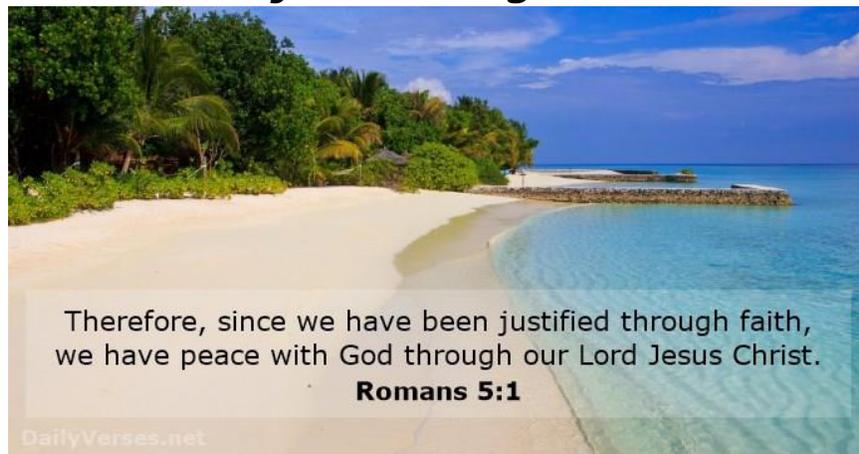


# From the Family Room

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## ***Justified by God through Jesus Christ***



*Was our father Abraham not justified by works of obedience which expressed his faith when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? You see that his faith was working together with his works, and as a result of the works, his faith was completed reaching its maturity when he expressed his faith through obedience. And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND THIS WAS CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS and AS CONFORMITY TO HIS WILL," and he was called the friend of God. You see that a believer is justified by works and not by faith alone (that is, by acts of obedience a born-again believer reveals his faith).*

James 2:21-24 (Amplified Bible)

*nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified.* Galatians 2:16 (New American Standard Bible)

*for 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 (New American Standard Bible)

*Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?* Romans 6:3 (New American Standard Bible)

All of us have sinned. None of us can stand before God as innocent. And the court date is coming. Sin has separated us from God. But through His grace, we are justified in Christ. Justification means we are acquitted of our sin and declared to be innocent of our sins. Being justified is a judicial declaration of righteousness. God declares us to be righteous and we are placed in a position of right standing with God. When we are justified, we have peace knowing everything is all right between us and God. We can never be made righteous by our personal behavior or by our works separate from faith. We are justified because Jesus personally assumed the guilt of our sins on the cross. Justification is a result of the redemption that is found only in Christ Jesus.

Justification - What a priceless gift! But many people do not appreciate this gift. This lack of appreciation may result from their failure to understand the danger all of us are in because of our sin. Do I enjoy peace of mind because I am in Christ and stand justified? Am I in Christ? Justification is not a DIY project.

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