

## Sermon Series: Making Sense of Salvation

### Sermon Title: Justification-Saved from the Penalty of Sin

#### Sermon Text: Romans 5:1-5

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Therefore, having been justified by faith, <sup>[a]</sup>we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and <sup>[b]</sup>we exult in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only this, but <sup>[c]</sup>we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance;<sup>4</sup> and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; <sup>5</sup> and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us. (NASB)

*Supporting Text: Romans 6:23 – The gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment arose from one transgression<sup>[k]</sup> resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the free gift arose from many transgressions<sup>[l]</sup> resulting in justification (NASB)*

*Central Message: We are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.*

*Observation:* When God justifies us, He gives us credit for being righteous, but He does not change us as people.

- *Point #1:* Justification is the act of God not only **forgiving** believers of their sin but **imputing** to them the **righteousness** of Christ.

Imputation is the **counting** of an attribute as belonging the person to whom it is **imputed**.

Imputation does not change a person **inwardly**. They are simply treated as if they possessed that attribute.

Justification does not make us **righteous**. God declares us to be righteous.

When Adam sinned, his sin was **imputed** to us, so God treated us just as if we had committed the same sin as Adam.

Justification is a **completed** work. It happens **instantaneously**.

- *Point #2:* Saved from the penalty of sin means that we have **peace** with God through **Jesus Christ**. (Romans 5:1)
- *Point #3:* Saved from the penalty of sin means that we have **access** to faith through **grace**. Romans 5:2
- *Point #4:* Saved from the penalty of sin means that this is the **beginning** of our salvation and not the **end**. (Romans 5:4)
- *Point #5:* Saved from the penalty of sin means that our troubles become **opportunities** instead of **obstacles**. (Romans 5:3-5)