

VERSES ON JUSTIFICATION

Genesis 15:5-6 5 [Yahweh] brought [Abram] outside and said, Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them. Then he said to him, So shall your seed be. 6 And he believed Yahweh, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

Psalms 56:13 13 You have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.

Isaiah 50:7-9 7 Lord Yahweh helps me. Therefore I have not been disgraced. Therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. 8 He who vindicates (קָדַשׁ) me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. 9 Behold, Lord Yahweh helps me. Who will declare me guilty?

Isaiah 53:11 11 Out of the anguish of [the Servant's] soul he will see and be satisfied. By his knowledge will the righteous one, my Servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he will bear their iniquities.

Isaiah 54:17 17 You will refute every tongue that rises against you in judgment. This is the heritage (הִלָּחָה) of the servants of Yahweh and their vindication (הַקָּדָשׁ) from me, declares Yahweh.

Habakkuk 2:4 4 Behold, his soul is puffed up. It is not upright within him, but the righteous will live by his faith.

Matthew 11:18-19 18 ...John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He has a demon. 19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners! Yet wisdom is justified (δικαιόω, aor. pass.) by her deeds.

Matthew 12:36-37 36 I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, 37 for by your words you will be justified (δικαιόω), and by your words you will be condemned (καταδικάζω).

Luke 10:29 29 But [the lawyer], desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, And who is my neighbour?

Luke 12:58-59 58 As you go with your accuser before the magistrate, make an effort to settle with him on the way, lest he drag you to the judge, and the judge hand you over to the officer, and the officer put you in prison. 59 I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the very last penny.

Luke 16:15 15 [Jesus] said to [the Pharisees], You are those who justify (δικαιόω) yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

Luke 18:9-14 9 [Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: 10 Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week. I give tithes of all that I get. 13 But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, God, be merciful to me, a sinner! 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.

Luke 18:18-27 18 And a ruler asked [Jesus], Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life? 19 And Jesus said to him, Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. 20 You know the commandments: Do not commit adultery. Do not murder. Do not steal. Do not bear false witness. Honor your father and mother. 21 And he said, All these I have kept from my youth. 22 When Jesus heard this, he said to him, One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. And come, follow me. 23 But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich. 24 Jesus, seeing that he had become sad, said, How difficult it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! 25 For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God. 26 Those who heard it said, Then who can be saved? 27 But he said, What is impossible with man is possible with God.

Acts 13:36-39 38 Let it be known to you therefore, brothers and sisters, that through this man [Jesus] forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, 39 and by him everyone who believes is justified ($\delta\iota\kappa\alpha\iota\acute{o}\omega$, pres.) from everything from which you could not be justified ($\delta\iota\kappa\alpha\iota\acute{o}\omega$, aor.) by the Torah of Moses.

Romans 2:13 13 ...It is not the hearers of the Torah who are righteous before God, but the doers of the Torah who will be justified ($\delta\iota\kappa\alpha\iota\acute{o}\omega$).

Romans 3:20 20 ...By works of the Torah no flesh will be justified ($\delta\iota\kappa\alpha\iota\acute{o}\omega$, fut. pass.) in his sight, because through the Torah comes knowledge of sin.

Romans 3:21-30 21 Now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Torah and the Prophets testify to it— 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Messiah for all who believe. For there is no distinction. 23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Messiah Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. 26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. 27 Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. 28 For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the Torah. 29 Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, 30 because God is one—who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith.

Romans 4:1-8 1 What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? 2 For if Abraham was justified (δικαιόω, aor. pass.) by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. 3 For what does the Scripture say? Abraham believed God, and it was counted (λογίζομαι)¹ to him as righteousness. 4 Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. 5 And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies (δικαιόω) the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, 6 just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: 7 Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. 8 blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.

Romans 4:20-25 20 No unbelief made [Abraham] waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, 21 fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. 22 That is why his faith was counted to him as righteousness. 23 But the words it was counted to him were not written for his sake alone, 24 but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, 25 who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification (δικαίωσις).²

Romans 5:1-2 1 Because we were justified (δικαιόω, aor. pass.) by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Messiah. 2 Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Romans 5:8-9 8 ...But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Messiah died for us. 9 Because, therefore, we have now been justified (δικαιόω, aor. pass.) by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

Romans 5:18-19 18 ...As one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification (δικαίωσις) and life for all men. 19 For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made (καθίστημι)³ righteous.

Romans 6:6-8 6 We know that our old self was crucified with [Jesus] in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For one who has died has been justified (δικαιόω, perf. pass.) from sin. 8 Now if we have died with Messiah, we believe that we will also live with him.

Romans 8:1 1 There is therefore now no condemnation (κατάκριμα)⁴ for those who are in Messiah Jesus.

¹ “[T]o determine by mathematical process, *reckon, calculate*, freq. in a transf. sense...count, take into account τὸ someth” (BDAG, 597).

² “[J]ustification, vindication, acquittal” (BDAG, 250).

³ “[C]ause someone to experience someth., *make, cause*” (BDAG, 492).

⁴ “[J]udicial pronouncement upon a guilty person, *condemnation, punishment, penalty*” (BDAG, 518).

Romans 8:29-31 29 For those whom [God] foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified (δικαιόω, aor. act.), and those whom he justified (δικαιόω, aor. act.) he also glorified. 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Romans 8:33-34 33 Who shall bring any charge (ἐγκαλέω)⁵ against God's elect? It is God who justifies (δικαιόω, pres. act.). 34 Who is to condemn? Messiah Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

1 Corinthians 4:4 4 For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted (δικαιόω). It is the Lord who judges me.

1 Corinthians 6:11 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed [regeneration], you were [positionally] sanctified, you were justified (δικαιόω) in the name of the Lord Jesus Messiah and by the Spirit of our God.

Galatians 2:16-17 16 ... We know that a person is not justified (δικαιόω, pres. pass.) by works of the Torah but through faith in Jesus Messiah, so we also have believed in Messiah Jesus, in order to be justified (δικαιόω, aor. pass.) by faith in Messiah and not by works of the Torah, because by works of the Torah no one will be justified (δικαιόω, fut. pass.). 17 But if, in our endeavour to be justified in Messiah, we too were found to be sinners, is Messiah then a servant of sin? Certainly not! 18 For if I rebuild what I tore down, I prove myself to be a transgressor. 19 For through the Torah I died to the Torah, so that I might live to God. 20 I have been crucified with Messiah. It is no longer I who live, but Messiah who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. 21 I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the Torah, then Messiah died for no purpose.

Galatians 3:5-14 5 Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the Torah, or by hearing with faith— 6 just as Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness? 7 Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. 8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham saying, In you shall all the nations be blessed. 9 So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith. 10 For all who rely on works of the Torah are under a curse. For it is written, Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Torah and do them. 11 Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the Torah, for the righteous shall live by faith. 12 But the Torah is not of faith; rather, the one who does them shall live by them. 13 Messiah redeemed us from the curse of the Torah by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree— 14 so that in Messiah Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

⁵ “Legal t.t. bring charges against, *accuse*” (BDAG, 273).

Galatians 3:24 24 ...The Torah was our guardian until Messiah came, in order that we might be justified (δικαιόω, aor. pass.) by faith.

Galatians 5:4 4 You are severed from Messiah, you who would be justified by the Torah. You have fallen away from grace.

1 Timothy 3:16 16 Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated (δικαιόω, aor. pass.) by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

Titus 3:5-7 5 [God] saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

James 2:20-26 20 Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? 22 You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works. 23 And the Scripture was fulfilled that says, Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness—and he was called a friend of God. 24 You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. 25 And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? 26 For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.