

# THE JUSTIFICATION OF GOD

“The Justification of God in His Eternal Work  
In and for the Redemption of Man to the Glory of His Son Jesus Christ”

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Why God allows man to stay and live here on earth once he is saved? Let me say that I am truly grateful that He does. God is not finished with man as He was with the pre-adamic earth. His purpose is to fill this Universe with people just like His Son. Our pardon only indicates one thing that we are still to be used by the Lord Jesus Christ in His Eternal Work. God's saving the individual is but a small part of His Eternal Plan. The fact that we are allowed to remain here proves that He intends to use us yet.

Brethren, there is only one purpose to life after salvation, and that is to serve God. It is all about what God is doing, not what we are doing in relation to our families or our ministries in this or in any other country. Those things are merely objects to use to bring about the will of God and to glorify Jesus Christ through our devotion to Him through love and good works in respect to family, ministries, and country. For to me to live is for His benefit; for me to die is for my benefit and to His purpose. Phil. 1:21

We should rejoice in that we have been found not guilty! We should rejoice even more so considering we have been left here and found worthy to suffer for Him. Acts 5:41 Since, God will not tempt a Christian beyond that which he is able to bear 1 Cor. 10:13, perhaps we may not be able to meet the challenge of having to die for Him or to suffer any more than we have; God knows. I have always heard that dying for Christ would be easy, but living for Him is what presents a challenge. Maybe we would not have carried our cross as He carried His when He took our reproach and shame. Then again, the grace of God in this affair could be that we have other things to do to glorify Him. Whatever the case may be, it is He that works in us *"both to will and to do of his good pleasure"* Phil. 2:13 and it is for us to abide in Him that we might, in whatever state we find ourselves, bring forth good fruit to His glory.

Not many Christians in this day and time suffer reproach for the name of Jesus Christ; not that there is not opportunity to stand for Christ, righteousness, and the Word of God, but rather because the believer in Christ will not venture into the areas of warfare in everyday life. The battle is not necessarily in the ghettos of Chicago or New Orleans, but in supermarkets, "Work places, and restaurants. Those are areas where a stand for Christ, righteousness, and the Bible will produce reproach. Not that reproach is the objective, but

*"All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."* 2 Tim. 3:12

Giving out Gospel tracts, carrying the Bible to work, walking away when dirty jokes are being told will reveal how few friends Christians really have.

*“What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness.” 2 Cor. 6: 14*

I once heard Dr. Peter S. Ruckman say, "You can't do right and get away with it." The truth of that statement is that living for God and making Christ the center of one's life causes the unsaved world to hate Christians. Another man once said, "Peace at any cost costs too much." God doesn't need anyone to defend Him; He's quite capable of doing that on His own. Standing for Him at some time is an opportunity given by God for us to abide in Him for strength to oppose all those that are against God, Christ, and righteousness. It is an opportunity for us to show on whose side we stand. Joshua said, *“As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”* Josh. 24:15! In various places Paul said that he had *“fought a good fight”* 2 Tim. 4:7, run a good race 1 Cor. 9:24-27, and pressed *“toward the mark.”* Phil. 3:14 It was a way of life that offered the pleasure of knowing that he was serving God as a laborer together with Him 1 Cor. 3:9 to save souls, edify saints Eph. 4:12, glorify Christ, and vindicate God from judgment. Rom. 3:4; Psa. 51:4; Job 34:23; Ezek. 14:23

A great truth is that God allows playing out in time what He already knows in fact. He is justified in condemnation and in salvation. Paul knew that it was better for him to be with the Lord than to be here, but he also knew that it was expedient for others that he remain, exhibiting the mind set of Christ. Phil. 1:23-24 Jesus left the glory of Heaven and accepted the reproach of this world that others might be the beneficiaries of His suffering. One of the evidences of love is measured by the extent to which one is willing to suffer for another.

The work of missions is to emulate the work of Christ. According to Hebrews 10:9, Jesus came to do the will of God. The will of His Father was that Christ should suffer on our behalf so that we sinners would not have to receive the "wages" of Romans 6:23. The "death" of Romans 6:23 is *eternal* death because the offense is against an eternal God. All sin is against God, and God being eternal requires the payment to be eternal so that it might be a just and equal recompense. There was no other answer for mankind but for the eternal Son of God to pay the eternal price for the eternal redemption for any and all that would receive that payment by faith.

Jesus was constrained by His devotion to His call; Paul was constrained by his love for Jesus Christ. No one will ever be a witness either here or in Africa for anything outside of himself until he first dies to self. We, all believers in Christ, shall stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ to see what we have done with what we have inherited in Him, and since His grace is sufficient for us to meet the challenge of the call to serve Him in spirit and truth, whatever that might represent in each individual case, there will be no room to challenge His judgments regarding our service.

Dear brethren, it is incumbent upon us to give Him our lives in service because he gave His life in service to us, and now we are debtors. We are indebted to Him because we have been bought with the price of His own blood. Acts 20:28 Now we are not our own; therefore, we are to glorify God in our bodies 1 Cor. 6:9-20 which is our *“reasonable service.”* Rom. 12:1

Our service through the years has merely been God using His property to accomplish His will to glorify Himself and His Son Jesus Christ.

**God using His property!**

**Will you allow Him to use you?**