Intro: When God forgives you from your sin are you now no longer a sinner but a saint in God’s eyes. Yes, you still sin, and yes you will still sin, but it is God’s continuing grace that goes with you from day to day, and that grace allows God to see you differently, not as a sinner but as His beloved children, or as a saint. God’s grace continues with you as long as your faith is in Him.

° 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. 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. Romans 3:24-26

I. What is the meaning of justification?

a. It means that you have been forgiven of your sins in Christ

• God does the forgiving. You will never forgive God for sinning against you. You will never forgive God of any sin of any kind against you. But our sin has violated God’s holiness, and we need His Son to mend that gap and build a relationship with Christ. The way we do this is to not be condemned before God. God fixed a plan that makes us justified before God and not stand in condemnation.

° 1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Romans 8:1

b. It means that we have access to God because of our forgiveness

• Justification gives us complete and total access to God at any time, day or night. In times past God only meet with the people of Israel once a year and that was in the Holy of Holy’s and the priest had to go through a tremendous and grueling ceremonial cleansing before entering in the Holy of Holy’s to meet with the presence of God, but not the temple veil was turn down, and the blood of Jesus Christ has cleansed us from our sin, so we can now have unlimited access to God. Without being justified you cannot have access to God.

° 1 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 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 5:1-2

II. So how are we justified?

a. We are justified by God – the Author of justification

• We are told this in Roman’s serval times. What we mean by originator and giver of our salvation. The best way to remember this is that God sees us in Christ just-as-if-i-ed never sinned against God.

° 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. Romans 3:26

° 33 Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Romans 8:33

b. We are justified by grace – the principle of justification

• We are only justified by God’s grace only. This grace is made possible by His Son and our Savior Jesus Christ. We don’t earn it, we don’t work for it, and we can’t obtain it by any other means. The blood of Jesus Christ is the only way God will justify us by His grace.

° 4 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, 5 he 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. Titus 3:4-7

c. We are justified by the blood of Christ – This is the grounds for justification

• Everything must have a strong foundation to stand on or it will fall. And the blood of Jesus Christ is our strong foundation for our justification to be built on. All have sinned and all of us must needs to be justified and the only way to do this is through the blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. There are NO EXECEPTIONS to the doctrine, NONE!

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d. We are justified by faith – This is the condition of Justification

• This is what we have “faith”, God does not have faith for He knows all see all and He does not have to put faith in Himself because He is God. But we must have faith in God and His Son to be justified. This is the condition of our salvation. We are saved by God grace and justified by grace, and all of this can only happen if we put our faith in Jesus Christ.

° 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

° 15 We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; 16 yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. Galatians 2:15, 16

e. We are justified by the resurrection – this is the assurance for justification

• The blood of Christ is the only thing that saves us from our sins, but the resurrection is the proof that assures us the blood of Christ can and will save us. Our believing in faith that the resurrection is real and that it provides for us a guarantee of the blood of Christ saves us, gives us our justification.

° 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. Romans 4:24-25

° 17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. 1 Corinthians 15:17

f. We are justified by works – This is the evidence of justification

• We don’t work for our salvation, but we do work because we are justified. Our works are the evidence of our faith. Without faith your works are dead. So, wherever there is true faith you will find real works of righteousness.

° 18 But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. James 2:18

III. What are the applications for justification – This is the results of justification

a. We have peace with God through Jesus Christ

• In our sinful state we were (and some still are) enemies of God, but it took the blood of Jesus Christ to reconciled us to God and this was made a peace between God and man.

° 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. Colossians 1:19, 20

b. We have gained access to God by grace through faith

• The day when Adam and Eve sinned against the Triune God, there was a great separation between God and man. This was prevalent when the veil of the tabernacle was put up. This separation was a great distance between God and man, but Jesus, when He died, tore the veil from top to bottom and now we have gained access to God by the grace of God and the blood of Jesus Christ.

° 8 All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. John 10:8, 9

° 51 And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. Matthew 27:51

c. We rejoice in the hope of the glory of God

• In Romans 5:2 the word hope (elpis) does not imply uncertainty but just the opposite it confirms assurance in Christ (not insurance). The hope we have is that God consummate His purpose for our justification. This word hope means to have a pleasurable experience in your relationship with God.

° 7 so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Titus 3:7

d. We rejoice in our suffering

• In Romans 5:1-5 we are told that we have been justified by faith and we have peace with God so we can rejoice in time of suffering. Why is it that Christians can smile and be joyful during the times of suffering? It is because we can rejoice that our justification is greater than our suffering.

° 1 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 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. 3 More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. Romans 5:1-5

e. God has poured out His love into our hearts

• Being justified by grace through faith we have God pouring His love deep into our hearts for each other. It is so deep and so vast Paul had to mentioned that it is in four dimensions: breadth (scale), length (extension), height (pinnacle), and depth (intensity) of God’s love.

° 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3:17-19

f. We have Holy Spirit through justification

• The moment God saves, we are justified, and we then become indwelt by the Holy Spirit through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

° 15 “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, 17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. John 14:15-17

° 19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, 20 for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. 1 Corinthians 6:19, 20