



Not Just, but Just

- **Bad news:** We are not in position to justify ourselves.
- **Good news:** The one who is in position to justify us has justified us.

Romans 5:1-2 (NIV)

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

- We are just as if we never sinned.
- We are just as if we always obeyed.

Romans 5:3-8 (NIV)

Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. ⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

- We can't earn grace, we only can receive it. (Romans 5:9-11)

- Worship is a fitting response to being justified. (Romans 5:12-14)

- Sin is the reason that we need to be justified.

Romans 5:15-16 (NIV)

But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! ¹⁶ Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification.

- Jesus represents you; Him being just, allows us to be justified.

Romans 5:17 (NIV)

For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

Romans 5:18-19 (NIV)

Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. ¹⁹ For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

- We have been extended an invitation, but we have to RSVP.
(Romans 5:20-21)

Old Math: Doing + Having = Being
New Math: Being + Having = Doing

Bottom-line: Not just, but just.