

## Justified By...

I. Introduction: For some reason, there are many debates as to what is it that justifies man with God. We will see in this lesson that the Scriptures give us an outline of justification that is pretty simple to follow.

A. Bildad the Shuhite asked Job: *“How then can man be justified with God? or how can he be clean that is born of a woman”* (**Job 25:4**)?

1. Job had already struggled with this question (**Job 9:2**).
2. A Psalmist prayed to God with the concept that no man could be justified with God (**Psalms 143:1-2**).

B. It was certainly true, that under the Law of Moses, man could not be justified as we can be today (**Acts 13:38-39**).

1. The law of faith rather than the Law of Moses (**Galatians 3:11**).
2. Those who had become Christians and sought justification through the Law of Moses had fallen from grace (**Galatians 5:4**).

II. Body: It Is God That Justifieth (**Romans 8:33**).... How?

A. Defining the terms, knowing the meaning of the words we will look at:

1. Justified, as it appears in **Romans 3:24** that we will read later, meaning: “To render (i.e. show or regard as) just or innocent: — free, justify(-ier), be righteous. To render righteous or such he ought to be; to show, exhibit, evince, one to be righteous, such as he is and wishes himself to be. Considered to declare, pronounce, one to be just, righteous, or such as he ought to be” (Strong’s # 1344).
2. Justification, as it appears in **Romans 5:18** that we will read later, meaning: “acquittal (for Christ's sake): — justification. The act of God declaring men free from guilt and acceptable to him; abjuring to be righteous, justification” (Strong’s # 1347).
3. Justifieth, as it appears in **Romans 4:5** is the same Greek word translated “justified” as defined in point 1.

B. Notice this subject simplified...

1. Justified by your words (**Matthew 12:37**).
2. Justified by, in the days of John’s baptism that has passed (**Acts 19:1-7**) [now leaving water baptism into Christ (**Acts 8:26-39** and **Romans 6:3-6**), by the baptism of John (**Luke 7:29**).
3. Justified by humility (**Luke 18:9-14**).
4. Justified by being a doer of the law (**Romans 2:13**).
5. Justified not by the Law of Moses, but by grace; faith (**Romans 3:19-31** and **Galatians 2:16**).
6. Justified by the blood of Christ (**Romans 5:6-9**).
7. Justified by being washed (**I Corinthians 6:9-11**; cf. **Acts 18:8**, **Acts 22:16**, and **Revelation 1:5**).

8. Justified by grace (**Titus 3:7**).

9. Justified by works (**James 2:21-26**).

C. Justification through Christ (**Romans 5:12-19**).

1. Jesus was sent to be the Savior of the world (**I John 4:14**).

2. Yet, He was not well received (**John 1:11** and **John 3:16-21**).

3. Don't reject the justifier (**John 12:48**).

III. Conclusion: If you are in Christ, truly (**Galatians 3:26-29**), be at peace (**Romans 5:1**).