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The Definition of Justification

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Definition: **Justification** is the act of **God** whereby, negatively, **He** forgives the sins of believers and, positively, **He** declares them **righteous** by transferring all the obedience and **righteousness** of **Messiah** to them through **faith** (see the commentary on **The Life of Christ**, to see link [click Bw - What God Does for Us at the Moment of Faith](#)).

What it is not: **Justification** is not a reward for anything good we may have done; **it** is not something that we cooperate with **ADONAI** in doing (which is sanctification); **it** is not infused righteousness on the basis of works (Catholic justification); **it** is not accomplished apart from the satisfaction of **God's justice** (it satisfies every claim of **God's** holiness).

What it is: **Justification** is an utterly undeserved free gift of the mercy of **YHVH (Romans 3:24; Titus 3:7)**; **it** is entirely accomplished by **God the Father** at salvation, and it results in sanctification; **it** is apart from any **works** we take, but the fact that we are **justified** is demonstrated by our **works (James 2:21, 24-26)**. It is not that **Ha'Shem** overlooks our sin and guilt, but that the full and entire **righteousness** of **Messiah** be transferred to our spiritual bank account by faith. What is true of **Him** is true of us, minus **His** deity; you have already passed the final exam in **God's** universe with an A-plus.

Scriptural proof: Genesis 15:6; Psalm 32:2; Isaiah 54:17; Jeremiah 23:6; Habakkuk 2:4; Romans 3:28 to 4:6, 5:1 and 9, 9:30 to 10:4; First Corinthians 6:11; Galatians 2:16, 3:8-9, 21 and 24.

Relation to the Trinity: Who justifies?

God the Father

Jeremiah 23:6; Second Corinthians 5:19

God the Son

Romans 5:9, 10:4; Second Corinthians 5:19 and 21

God the Spirit
5:5

First Corinthians 6:11; Hebrews 9:14 (indirect); Galatians

God

Romans 4:6 and 9:33

Proof of eternal security: Nothing can alter the fact that you are eternally secure. **Justification** is a divine gift that is perfect and cannot be taken back. Since we can do no **works** to gain our **justification**, we can do no works to lose our **justification** (see the commentary on [The Life of Christ Ms - The Eternal Security of the Believer](#)).