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The Blessing of Justification

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The blessing of justification DIG: What does the unsaved person think about his relationship with God? What are the first three of five promises that ADONAI makes in Chapter Five? What is their common misconception? Paraphrase what it means to be “justified by faith.” Why is it important to know that you are eternally secure in Yeshua Messiah?

REFLECT: Do you fear the prospect of facing an angry God, knowing that He is holy and you are sinful? The enemy wants to keep you in bondage. You don’t need to feel that way. Once you are saved, you have already been justified, perfect in the sight of God. What is your spiritual battle? How can you overcome it, knowing that you are secure, and have eternal peace with God?

You have peace with God, access to His grace, and the sure hope of your coming glory.



Most unsaved people do not think of themselves as enemies **of YHVH**. Because they have no conscious feelings of hatred for **Him** and do not actively oppose **His** work, or contradict **His** Word, they consider themselves, at worst, to be “neutral” concerning **ADONAI**. But no such neutrality is possible. The mind of every unsaved person is “at peace” only with the things of the flesh.¹⁰⁷ **For the mind controlled by the old nature is hostile to God, because it does not submit itself to God’s Torah - indeed, it cannot (8:7).** More than that,

whoever chooses to be the world's friend makes himself God's enemy (James 4:4).

There are **five promises**, in this and the next several files. They are definite statements of fact, and are highly doctrinal in nature. These promises have to do with our positional **standing** before YHVH. Not our experience. Being **justified** means that we have **shalom with God**, His anger (1:18) is no longer a threat. This was not a change in our feelings, but in **God's** relationship with us. **The first**, is that we have **peace with God**. The word **therefore** reaches back to the contents of **Chapter Four** - **therefore** being **justified**, not by **works** (4:1-8), not by **circumcision** (4:9-17), and not by **legalism** (4:18-25), but by **faith**, we have **peace with God**.

*Dear Heavenly **Father**, Praise **You** for being such a loving **Father** to offer **Yeshua** as **the Lamb of God (John 1:29)**, the Jewish **Messiah** for the world, and thereby offering **peace** to both Jews and Gentiles. **But now in Messiah Yeshua, you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of the Messiah. For He is our shalom, the One who made the two into one and broke down the middle wall of separation (Ephesians 2:13-14b)**. We **love** and thank **You** greatly for all that **You** were willing to suffer - the shame and pain so that we could be **justified** by **Your** paying our **sin's** penalty of death.*

*Praise you that **You** did not leave us as orphans but **You** promised: **I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper so He may be with you forever - the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him. You know Him, because He abides with you and will be in you (John 14:16-17)**. How wonderful that **You** live within those who **love You**. **Yeshua answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word. My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our dwelling with him (John 14:23)**. Someday soon I will be with **You** in heaven, where I will eternally praise **You** for being so loving and awesome! In the name of **Your Holy Son Yeshua** and the power of **His** resurrection. Amen*

There is a difference between having **shalom with God** and having **the Shalom of God** in the heart. The **Shalom with God** has to do with **justification and** every believer has that peace which is the result of a static legal **standing** that never fluctuates. This is what Paul is talking about here in Romans 5. The **shalom of God** has to do with **sanctification** that changes from hour to hour as **the Ruach Ha'Kodesh** works to purify each believer. **Paul** will discuss the subject of sanctification later (**to see link click [Bl](#) - Midrash on Adam**).

The final aspect of the Romans Road to salvation is the results of salvation. **Romans 5:1** has this wonderful message, "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with **God** through our **Lord Yeshua Messiah**." Through **Messiah** alone we can have

a relationship of peace with **God**. **Romans 8:1** teaches us: **Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Messiah Yeshua**. Because of **Yeshua's** death on our behalf, we will never be condemned for our sins. Finally, we have this precious promise of **God** from **Romans 8:38-39**: **"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Messiah Yeshua our Lord."**

Would you like to follow the Romans Road to salvation? If so, here is a simple prayer you can pray to **God**. Saying this prayer is a way to declare to **God** that you are relying on **Yeshua Messiah** for your salvation. The words themselves will not save you. Only faith in **Messiah** can provide salvation! **"God**, I know that I have sinned against you and am deserving of punishment. But **Yeshua** took the punishment that I deserve so that through faith in **Him** I could be forgiven. With your help, I place my trust in **You** for salvation. Thank **You** for **Your** wonderful grace and forgiveness - the gift of eternal life! Amen!"

Therefore, since we have come to be considered righteous, once-and-for-all justified by God because of our faith/trust/belief, let us continue to have shalom with God through our Lord, Yeshua the Messiah (5:1). The Greek word for **shalom** is *eirene*. The verb is *eiro*, meaning *to bind together that which has been separated*. Our **Lord** made peace through the blood of the cross, **"For it pleased God to have His full being live in His Son, and through His Son to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace through Him, through having His Son shed His blood by being executed on a stake"** (Colossians 1:20). In that sense **Messiah**, through **His** atonement, *binds together again* those, who by reason of their **standing in the First Adam** had been separated from **God**, and who now, through **faith in Him**, are bound again to **YHVH** with their new **standing in the Last Adam**. This is **justification**. The Greek word **with** is *pros*, meaning *facing*. That is, a **justified** sinner has **peace facing God**. He **stands** in the presence of **Ha'Shem**, guiltless, uncondemned, and **righteous** in a **righteousness** which **ADONAI** accepts, **the Lord Yeshua Messiah**.¹⁰⁸

The **shalom** that the believer has in the knowledge that he is secure forever in **Messiah** (see the commentary on [The Life of Christ Ms - The Eternal Security of the Believer](#)), not only strengthens his **faith**, but it also strengthens his service. The knowledge that we are eternally at **peace with ADONAI** prepares us to wage effective spiritual warfare on **Messiah's** behalf and in **His** power. When engaged in battle, the Roman soldier wore boots with spikes on the bottom to give him a firm footing while fighting. Because we, as believers, **wear on our feet the readiness that comes from the Good News of shalom**

(**Ephesians 6:15**), we have the confidence to **stand** firm for **Messiah** without spiritual slipping or emotional sliding that uncertainty about our salvation would inevitably bring, knowing **God** is on our side!¹⁰⁹

The second, is that we have **access to God's grace**. Also, through Him and on the ground of our trust, we have gained permanent access to this grace in which we stand (5:2a). The word **stand** carries the idea of permanence, of standing firm and immovable. Although **faith** is necessary for salvation, it is **God's grace**, not the believer's **faith**, that has the power to save and keep the believer saved. We are not saved by divine **grace** and then preserved by human effort. That would be a mockery of **God's grace**, meaning what **God begins** in us **He** is either unwilling or unable to sustain and complete. **Paul** unequivocally declared to the **Philippian** believers: **I am sure of this, that the One who began a good work among you will keep it growing until it is completed on the Day of the Messiah Yeshua (Philippians 1:6)**. Emphasizing the same inspiring truth, **Jude** speaks of our **Lord** as **Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy (Jude 24 NASB)**. We do not begin in **the Spirit** only to be perfected in the flesh (**Galatians 3:3**).

Believers will often fall into sin, but their sin is not more powerful than **God's grace**. They are the very sins for which **Yeshua** paid the penalty. If no sin a person commits before salvation is too great for **Messiah's** atoning death to cover, surely no sin he commits after his salvation is too great to be covered. Later, in this same chapter, **Paul** declares: **For if we were reconciled with God through His Son's death when we were His enemies (James 4:4), how much more will we be delivered by His life, now that we are reconciled (5:10)**! If a dying **Savior** could bring us to **God's grace**, surely a living **Savior** can keep us in **His grace**. Still later in this chapter, **Paul** affirms this truth again: **The Torah was given so that all people could see how sinful they were. But as people sinned more and more, God's wonderful grace became more abundant (5:20 NLT)**. Standing in **grace**, we are in the sphere of constant forgiveness.¹¹⁰

The third, is that we have **the sure hope of our coming glory**. So, let us boast about the hope of experiencing **God's glory (Romans 5:2b; Isaiah 54:17)**. Since every aspect of our **justification** is accomplished solely by **YHVH** (see the commentary on **The Life of Christ Bw - What God Does for Us at the Moment of Faith**), salvation cannot possibly be lost. And in the end, every believer is **glorified** in **Yeshua Messiah**. Those whom **God foreknew**, **He also determined in advance would be conformed to the pattern of His Son**, so that **He might be the firstborn among many brothers; and those whom He thus determined in advance, He also called; and those whom He called, He also**

caused to be considered righteous, and those whom He caused to be considered righteous, He also glorified (Romans 8:29-30).

Paul has already established that salvation is anchored in *the past* because **Messiah** has made **peace with God** for all those who **trust in Him (5:1)**. It is anchored in *the present* because, by **Messiah's** continual **intercession (Hebrews 7:5)**, every believer **stands** secure in **Messiah's grace (5:2a)**. Next, **he** proclaims that salvation is also anchored in *the future*, because **ADONAI** gives every one of **His children** the unchangeable promise that one day we will be clothed with **the glory of His own Son**.¹¹¹

And since we are children, then we are also heirs, heirs of God and joint-heirs with the Messiah (8:17a). The moment you were spiritually born into **God's** family, you were given some astounding gifts: the family name, the family likeness, family privileges, family intimate access, and the family inheritance. The Bible says: **Since you are His child, everything He has belongs to you (8:17 NLT)**. The B'rit Chadashah gives great emphasis on our rich **inheritance**. It tells us: **God will fill every need of yours according to His glorious wealth, in union with the Messiah Yeshua (Philippians 4:19)**. As **children of God**, we get to share in the family fortune. Here on earth, we are given **the riches . . . glory . . . wisdom . . . power . . . and mercy (Romans 2:4, 9:23, 11:33; Ephesians 1:7, 2:4, 3:16)**. Paul said: **I want you to realize what a rich and glorious inheritance has been given to His people (Ephesians 1:18b NLT)**.

What exactly does that **inheritance** include? First, we will be with **ADONAI** forever: **Then we who are left still alive will be caught up with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and thus, we will always be with the Lord (First Thessalonians 4:17)**. Second, we will be completely, **changed** to be like **Messiah**, **"So all of us, with faces unveiled, see as in a mirror the glory of the Lord; and we are being changed into His very image, a new creation, from one degree of glory to the next, by ADONAI the Spirit (Second Corinthians 3:18, 5:17)**. Third, we will be freed from all pain, death, and suffering: **God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will no longer be any death; and there will no longer be any mourning, crying or pain; because the old order has passed away (Revelation 21:4)**. Fourth, we will be rewarded and reassigned positions of service: **Excellent! You are a good and trustworthy servant. You have been faithful with a small amount, so I will put you in charge of a large amount. Come and join in your Master's happiness (Matthew 25:23)**. And fifth, we will get to share in **God's glory, provided we are suffering with Him in order also to be glorified with Him (8:17b)**. What an **inheritance**! You are far richer than you realize.¹¹²