



Justification.

Romans 3:20-31

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Romans 3:23—24



“**23** ...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **24** and all are **justified** freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.”

Romans 3:28



“**28** For we maintain that a person is **justified by faith** apart from the works of the law.”

- The Bible defines Justification as the gracious act of God by which He declares a sinner righteous only through faith in Jesus.

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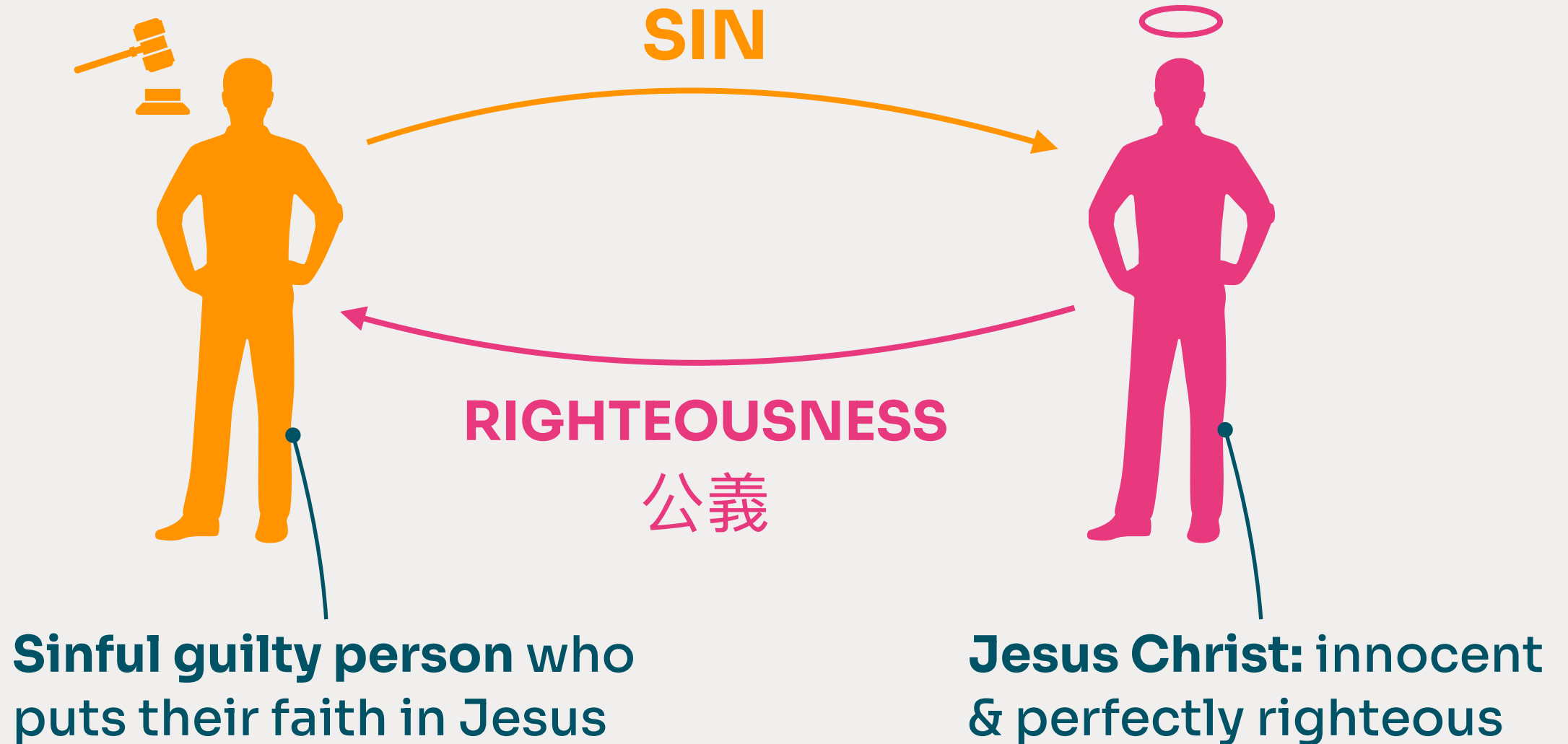
**It's a gift!
Just
receive it...
By faith.**

“But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known. **This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ** to all who believe.”

Rom. 3:21-22

Justification

JUSTIFICATION: a double exchange



- A once-for-all-time legal declaration
- Context of justification: love
- Based on the work of Jesus, not Spirit
- Through faith alone
- God declares us righteous when we are not because he imputes Jesus's righteousness to us



S o m e
i m p o r t a n t
p o i n t s
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Justification



Justification

Jesus' righteousness
credited to my
account

So also Abraham
"believed God, and it
was **credited to him as
righteousness.**" Gal. 3:6



Freedom

I'm freed from
having to
establish my
own
righteousness



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What difference
does
Justification
make to our lives?



What difference
does
Justification
make to our
lives?



Assurance

When doubts or despair arise, we can remember “It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn?” (Rom 8:33-34)



Humility

We have no
basis on which
to boast



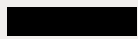
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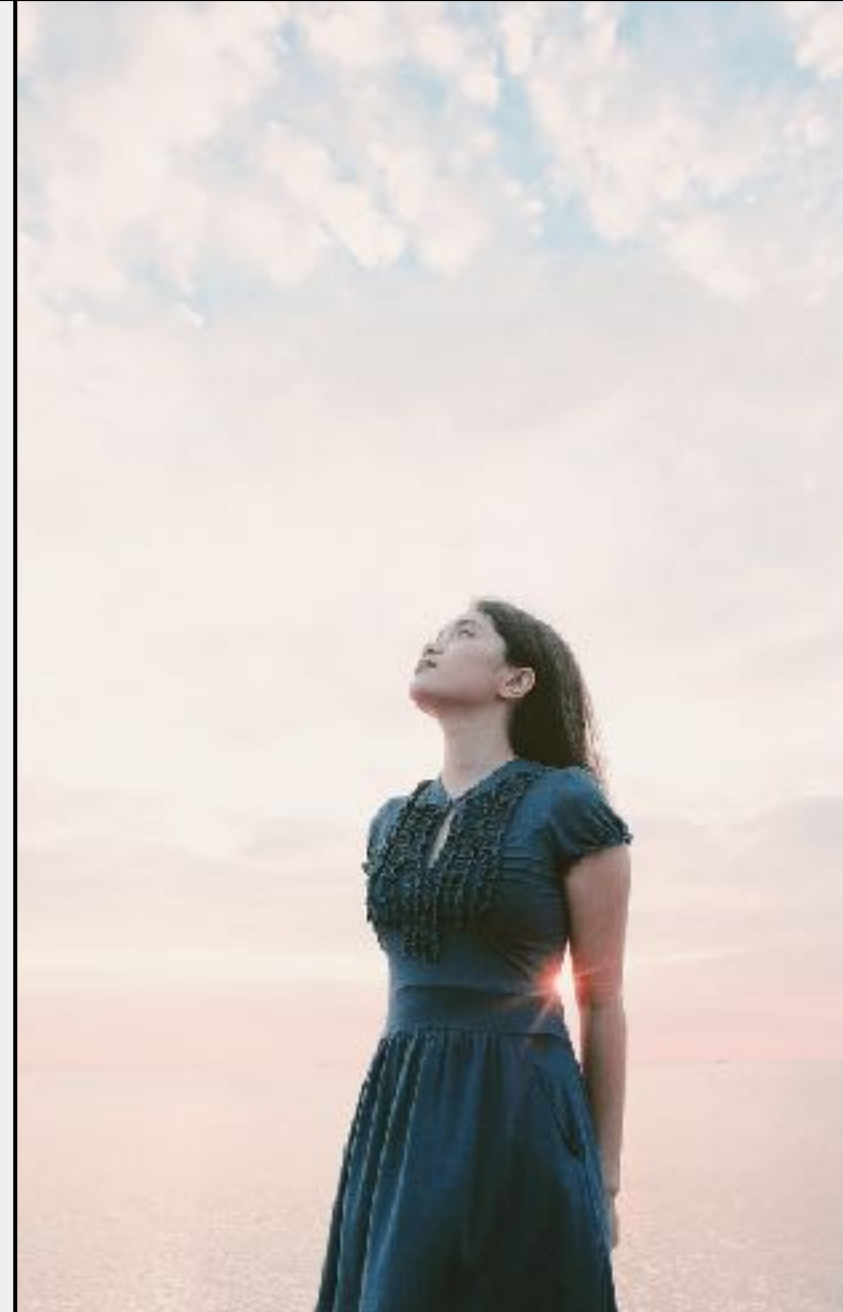


Confidence

We stand before a
holy God with
total confidence



What difference
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Justification
make to our lives?



— Justification by faith alone is the declarative act by God the judge that **we are forever wrapped in the everlasting righteousness of Christ!** His record is now your record. His merit is yours. God treats you as righteous because he treated Christ as unrighteous—for our sake.

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Acceptance

We no longer have to wonder/worry if
God accepts us or not



Sanctification

Justification catalyses
sanctification

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PAUSE



How has God been speaking to me?

What does God want me to understand?