

Justified Through Faith

“Therefore, since we have been justified, through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into his grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.” (Romans 5:1-2)

We become new creation when we receive the Spirit of God, when we believe in Jesus and accept Him as our personal Savior and Lord over our personal life. The Spirit of God that is in us, when we believe in Jesus, changes us and renews us; He starts to change our sinful nature and He installs in us new good character and new personality, and so we become a new person. As it is written, ***“Therefore if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation, the old has gone, the new has come!” (2 Corinthians 5:17)***

The new creation is cleansed and justified through believing in Jesus:

1. ***His sins are forgiven:*** We know and we agree that there is penalty and price to be paid for human sins. The price of sin is death as the Bible says: ***“The wages of sin is death.”*** To pay the price of any sin there must be a life given; for every forgiveness of sin, there must be shedding of blood. ***“In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.” (Hebrews 9:22)*** For this reason no one is worthy to approach God. ***“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23)*** ***“But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we are still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)***

God sent His Son Jesus to the world to pay the price of human’s sin: ***“For God so loved the world that He gave His One and Only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)*** Jesus took the whole sins of mankind and He died on the cross paying the price of human sins. The sacrifice of Jesus was acceptable for the forgiveness of sins before God because Jesus is without sin as the Word of God declares about Him. ***“He committed no sin, no deceit was found in His mouth” (1 Peter 2:22)***

Before we receive Jesus we were like prisoners who were under death sentence; we were under the slavery of sin and Satan, and our destiny was death. We were just waiting to be executed. We were chained and we were without hope. But praised be to God! Jesus came down from heaven, and took our stand and paid the penalty for us. He freed us from slavery and He broke the chains of death. He took us out of prison and He cancelled the written code that was against us. Jesus took our sins

away, nailing them all on the cross. So in Him we became free, and no one can accuse us, nor can anyone hold anything against us. ***“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” (Romans 8:1)***

2. ***He has no guilt feeling:*** The blood of Jesus that shed on the cross for our sins has not only the forgiving power, but can as well cleanse our conscience from any guilt feelings, In fact, guilt is one of the heavy feeling that has a torturing effect on a person’s mind and soul. We can find that the person, who commits a crime like murder, roams around the area where he did the crime, or he totally avoids seeing that place because he feels guilty. Thus, we must understand that the blood of Jesus does not only forgive us and our sins, but it also cleanses our conscious from any guilt so that we can serve God.
3. ***He has no-shame feeling:*** Normally, we find people hiding shameful facts and acts in their life. They don’t have the courage to confess because they are still living in the same sinful atmosphere. But, when they receive Jesus in their life, they repent from their old and shameful conducts of living and start to live a righteous life. This fact itself represents a miraculous change because it is quite impossible to be transformed into a new creation, leaving behind the old life and living a righteous life, without the saving and cleansing power of the blood of Jesus. Ultimately, we find these people, who have behind their shameful ways, testifying how God has changed them; how they left drinking alcohol; how they left gambling; or any immorality that they had been doing in their old life. They speak about the power of the Holy Spirit that convicted them and changed them into a new creation. They are no longer ashamed of themselves, instead they testify that they now live to serve the One and only living God in their life—the Lord Jesus Christ.

My dear beloved: The blood of Jesus has not only the power to forgive sins, but also to remove any guilt or shame of sin. Actually, guilt and shame is more distressing and tormenting than the sin itself. But, ***“He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.” (Psalm 103:10-12)***

My Prayer: ***“Heavenly Father, I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord Jesus, I thank You because You paid the price for my sins; You took my guilt and shame away. Now I live with joy and peace because I am a new creation—cleansed, redeemed and justified. Lord, help me to testify to others about your love, your goodness and your faithfulness. This is my prayer in Jesus’ name, Amen.”***