

**Victoria Fellowship Church**  
**International & Interdenominational**  
**Bible Study Worksheet – May 14, 2023**

**Theme: The Power of God at work in us    Topic: Justification by faith**

**Main Text: Romans 5:1-11**

**Key verse: Romans 5:1** – *“Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,” Romans 5:1* (NKJV)

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**INTRODUCTION:** To be Justified means to be vindicated. It means to be set free from an accusation or a set of accusations and given a stout defense that puts us in right standing on a matter. A person who has not been accused or is innocent does not need to be justified or vindicated. If he/she is innocent and is obviously so, then the person is justified already and does not need defense or advocacy to be declared innocent. But as the Bible says “... *all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*” (Romans 3:23 NKJV). The Psalmist says, “*For I was born a sinner— yes, from the moment my mother conceived me.*” (Psalms 51:5 NLT). Since God cannot behold sin/iniquity (Isaiah 59:2, Habakkuk 1:13), our sinful heritage – spiritual and physical – means that no man could stand before God. For this reason, we all need a legal declaration from God that we are innocent of sin to stand in His Divine presence.

1. (a) It has been said that justification is a legal declaration from God that one is innocent. According to Isaiah 33:22, what makes such a declaration from God of any effect? (b) Read Romans 5:6-8 and Colossians 2:13-15. Discuss what happened on the Cross of Cavalry and how that makes our justification possible.

The Crucifixion of The Lord Jesus Christ was God’s provision to permanently reconcile us to Himself. God made this provision for us all, even before we were born, even before we believed, while we were all still in sin (Rom 5:8). After crucifixion, Christ was buried and rose to a new life that we are partakers of The New Life by faith (Rom 6:8-11). In this new life which we receive from The Lord at The Cross, we are justified before God and stand as co-heirs of the divine inheritance with Jesus Christ Himself and enjoy unrestricted access to The Godhead (Rom 8:15-17, 29). As someone has said, justification has to do with God’s declaration about the sinner, not any change within the sinner.

2. Read Galatians 2:16; Romans 5:1-2 (NLT). (a) How do we exercise our faith to ensure we secure this privilege? (See Romans 10:17) (b) Discuss practical ways one can exercise one’s faith to walk a Justified Life, with unfettered access to God (c) What actions can hinder/mar this privilege?

Justification comes with some unique benefits. Romans 5:1 highlights one of those benefits, ‘*Since we have been acquitted and made right through faith, we are able to experience true and lasting peace with God through our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One, the Liberating King.*’ (The Voice). Peace with God is a great asset that believers must realize that we have only because of justification. Peace with God means that believers no longer need to live in fear of God’s wrath and judgment. Note that the verse says, ‘we have’ not that ‘we will have.’ This peace is not the brief and subjective sense of peace we often feel over a decision or choice. This peace is the objective feeling of knowing that the enmity which characterized the relationship between God and sinful man has been removed forever.

3. (a) Hebrews 12:29 states emphatically that ‘*our God is a consuming fire.*’ When you contrast this with Romans 5:1, how does it make you feel? (b) Read Matthew 7:7; Ephesians 3:12; Hebrews 7:25. Apart from freedom from God’s wrath and punishment, in what other areas of life does this ‘peace with God’ manifest? (c) Romans 1:18 tells of the way God’s wrath is manifesting in the world today. How can the peace of God contribute to a better society? What opportunities do we see in this for spreading the Gospel throughout the whole world?

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**Prayer:** *Dear Lord Jesus Christ, we thank You again for the price You paid on The Cross of Cavalry to bring us Justification before The Father. Help us to see in this the opportunities it offers for the advancement of the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Jesus Name we pray. Amen.*