

JUSTIFIED BY FAITH

ROMANS 3:27-31

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: In your union by faith with the crucified and risen Savior, God, the Justifier, declares that you are justified and possess the righteousness of Jesus Christ. With the possession of Christ's righteousness, God gives you an eternal personal relationship with Him and His Son.

NO WAY do law-keeping, good works, or church attendance obligate God to justify you. These human efforts are no substitute for faith in Christ and what He has accomplished for you. God justifies you based on what Christ did for you in His death and resurrection, not on what you do. (**Romans 3:27, 28, fn 3:27, 28, Galatians 3:10-14, fn 3:11, Romans 4:4, 5, fn 4:4, Isaiah 64:6, fn 64:6**) *How can you keep realizing that your relationship with Christ depends on faith, not law and works?*

ONE WAY is for all. God, who loves all mankind, made a way for each person to have eternal life. Jesus, our Lord and Savior, paid the ultimate price for the sins of the world by providing only one way for all to be saved. God justifies by faith anyone who trusts Jesus for what He sacrificed for him on the cross. (**Romans 3:29, 30, Acts 4:12, fn 4:12, John 14:5, 6, fn 4:6, I Timothy 2:4, 5, fn 2:4, John 3:16, fn 3:16{1st}**) *How could you explain Christ's way of salvation to an unbeliever?*

THE ONLY WAY the Law is fulfilled is by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Christ living in you means that His life is your life, and you are justified by faith because He has fulfilled the Law. The Law has done its work in your life by helping you to understand that you need a Savior. (**Romans 3:31, fn 3:31, Romans 8:3, 4, Romans 10:4, fn 10:4, Ephesians 2:13-18, Galatians 3:23-25, fn 3:24, 25**) *How does knowing that you have been justified by faith and that the Law has been fulfilled for you encouraging to you?*

Check up—Are you praying with your spouse and your family? Group—Pray for personal requests and bond together by fellowshiping together.