

# The Righteousness of God

## Justification's Good Gifts

### Romans 5:1-5 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup> Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Justification moves me from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_!

*In my past, I was ...*

### Romans 1:18 (ESV)

<sup>18</sup> ... the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men ...

Justification grants me \_\_\_\_\_ to God and His goodness!

*Justification is the foundation of my (present) \_\_\_\_\_ with God!*

### Ephesians 2:18-19 (ESV)

<sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God ...

Justification gives me the joy of \_\_\_\_\_ that will never \_\_\_\_\_!

*God's (future) glory – and my part in it – ensures my hope never dies!*

### Titus 3:4-7 (ESV)

<sup>4</sup> But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

**"Not only that ..."** How justification transforms all my suffering:

I can **'rejoice'** because ...

My pain is \_\_\_\_\_

My pain is \_\_\_\_\_

My pain is \_\_\_\_\_ me towards God (not away from God)  
because I know ...

Has your 'faith' let you down?