

***“I AM JUSTIFIED FROM ALL THINGS”***  
**Acts 13:39**



**J**USTIFICATION

It is God's accounting the guilty to be righteous and acceptable because of Christ's death. Look again at our theme Scripture (Acts 13:39) for this identity marker. In this verse, there is a condition attached. What is it?

Read Titus 3:7. We are counted as conformed to the divine will in purpose, thought, and action.

**We are justified because of:**

1. God's grace. His grace surpassed and increased more than sin. We receive the free gift of righteousness.

Romans 5:17-21

Titus 3:7

2. Christ's blood. We are saved from God's wrath.

Romans 5:9

3. Because of Christ's resurrection. This secured our justification. We are absolved from all guilt.

Romans 4:25

4. Our faith (believing). A man is justified and made upright by faith. Our faith is a response to all that God has done for us.

Romans 3:28

There should be fruit in our life as a result of Christ's forgiveness. Some of the fruits of being justified are listed in the Scriptures below. Look up the Scripture references and list what the fruit is which is mentioned as a result.

1. Acts 13:38,39 \_\_\_\_\_

2. Romans 5:1 \_\_\_\_\_

3. Romans 8:4 \_\_\_\_\_

These are governed and controlled by the Spirit.

4. Titus 3:7 \_\_\_\_\_

It is according to our hope.

There should be evidence within our lives regarding the work of justification. The Scripture references following have something to say about this. As you **look these up, write out** the word that gives evidence of this work.

1. James 2:18 \_\_\_\_\_

2. James 3:17 \_\_\_\_\_

The characteristics of wisdom which come from God are pure, peace loving, courteous, willing to yield to reason, full of compassion/good fruits, impartial.

3. James 5:7,8 \_\_\_\_\_

4. James 5:10,11 \_\_\_\_\_

For the cause of Christ, we need to be steadfast and enduring realizing that suffering can bring strength to our lives as we persevere. We do not walk through these times alone for His promise is to always be with us...never to forsake us or leave us.



### **DISCUSSION POINTS WITH OTHERS WALKING WITH YOU**

1. Can you give an example (from either your own life or by viewing someone's life that you may be acquainted with) of how people may have used either customs or religious acts to give themselves a false sense of righteousness?

2. How can we say (and show) our thanks to God for His saving grace in our lives?

3. Has there ever been a time in your life when your faith has been difficult as far as being justified? If so, how may this have been overcome in your life?