

Justification is Always by Righteousness

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Isaiah 5:18-29

18 “Woe unto them that **draw iniquity** with **CORDS** of **vanity**, and **sin** as it were with a **cart rope**: (Rope strong enough to draw a cart or heavy load. [...sin as it were with a HEAVY LOAD of iniquity])

19 That say, Let him [God] make speed, and hasten his [God’s] work, that we may see it: and let the counsel of the Holy One [The Word] of Israel draw nigh and come, that we may know it! [Proof of God’s existence and His works.]

20 Woe unto them **that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!**

21 Woe unto them that are **wise in their own eyes**, and **prudent in their own sight!**

22 Woe unto them that are **mighty to drink wine**, and **men of strength to mingle strong drink:**

23 Which **justify the wicked** for reward, and **take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!**

24 Therefore as **the fire devoureth the stubble**, and **the flame consumeth the chaff**, so **their root shall be as rottenness**, and their blossom shall go up **as dust**: because **they have cast away the law of the LORD of hosts**, and **despised the word of the Holy One of Israel**.

25 Therefore is **the anger of the LORD kindled against his people**, and he hath **stretched forth his hand against them**, and **hath smitten them**: and the hills did tremble, and **their carcasses were torn** in the midst of the streets. For all this **his anger is not turned away**, but **his hand is stretched out still**.

26 And he will lift up an ensign **to the nations from far**, and will **hiss** unto them **from the end of the earth**: and, behold, **they shall come with speed swiftly**:

27 None shall be weary nor stumble among them; none shall slumber nor sleep; neither shall the girdle of their loins be loosed, nor the latchet of their shoes be broken:

28 Whose arrows are sharp, and all their bows bent, their horses' hoofs shall be counted like flint, and their wheels like a whirlwind:

29 Their roaring shall be like a lion, they shall roar like young lions: yea, they shall roar, and lay hold of the prey, and shall carry it away safe, and none shall deliver it.

30 And in that day they shall roar against them like the roaring of the sea: and if one look unto the land, behold **darkness** and **sorrow**, and **the light is darkened in the heavens** thereof.”

Romans 5:18, “Therefore as by **the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation**; even so **by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life**.”

Isaiah 61:10, “I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for **he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of**

righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and **as a bride** adorneth herself with her jewels.”

Isaiah 64:6-7, “But **we are all as an unclean thing**, and **all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags**; and **we all do fade as a leaf**; and **our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away**. And there is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: **for thou hast hid thy face from us**, and **hast consumed us, because of our iniquities**.”

First time righteousness shows up in the Bible: Genesis 15:6, “And **he believed in the LORD**; and **he counted it to him for righteousness**.”

Last time Righteousness shows up in Job: Job 36:3, “**I will** fetch my knowledge from afar, and will **ascribe righteousness to my Maker**.”

Job 15:14-16, “**What is man, that he should be clean? and he which is born of a woman, that he should be righteous?** Behold, **he putteth no trust in his saints**; yea, **the heavens are not clean in his sight**. How much more **abominable and filthy is man, which drinketh iniquity like water?**”

Psalms 132:9, “Let **thy priests be clothed with righteousness**; and let **thy saints** shout for joy.”

Proverbs 11:19, “As **righteousness tendeth to life**: so he that **pursueth evil pursueth it to his own death**.”

Ecclesiastes 7:15, “All things have I seen in the days of my vanity: there is **a just man that perisheth in his righteousness**, and there is **a wicked man that prolongeth his life in his wickedness**.”

Isaiah 41:10, “Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with **the right hand of my righteousness**.”

Isaiah 45:8, “Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let **righteousness** spring up together; **I the LORD have created it**.”

Isaiah 46:8-13, “Remember this, and shew yourselves men: bring it again to mind, O ye **transgressors**. Remember the former things of old: for **I am God**, and **there is none else**; **I am God**, and **there is none like me**, **Declaring the end from the beginning**, and **from ancient times the things that are not yet done**, saying, **My counsel shall stand**, and **I will do all my pleasure**: Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, **I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it**. Harken unto me, **ye stouthearted, that are far from righteousness**: I bring near **my righteousness**; it shall not be far off, and **my salvation** shall not tarry: and **I will place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory**.”

Isaiah 51:1, “Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the LORD: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged.”

Isaiah 51:5, “My righteousness is near; my salvation is gone forth, and mine arms shall judge the people; the isles shall wait upon me, and on mine arm shall they trust.”

Isaiah 51:6-8, “Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished. Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings. For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool: but my righteousness shall be for ever, and my salvation from generation to generation.”

Isaiah 57:12, “I will declare thy righteousness, and thy works; for they shall not profit thee.”

Isaiah 59:16-17, “And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him. For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloke.”

Isaiah 60:16-19, “Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gentiles, and shalt suck the breast of kings: and thou shalt know that I the LORD am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob. For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron: I will also make thy officers peace, and thine exactors righteousness. Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise. The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory.” Sounds like Revelation 21.

Isaiah 61:1-6, “The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified. And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations. And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers. But ye shall be named the Priests of the LORD: men shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves.”

Jeremiah 23:6, “In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and **this is his name** whereby he shall be called, **THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.**” So then the Righteousness of Saints is NOT our personal Righteousness. (see: Jeremiah 33:16)

The Tribulation Saint

Ezekiel 14:14, “Though **these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness,** saith the Lord GOD.”

Ezekiel 14:20, “Though **Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it,** as I live, saith the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; **they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness.**”

Noah: (A Type of the Gentile Tribulation Saint)

Matthew 24:37, “But **as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.**”

Luke 17:26, “And **as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.**”

Hebrews 11:7, “By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and **became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.**”

1 Peter 3:20, “Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in **the days of Noah,** while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, **eight souls were saved by water.**”

2 Peter 2:5, “And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, **a preacher of righteousness,** bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;”

Daniel: (A Type of the Hebrew Tribulation Saint)

Daniel 7:25, “And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall **wear out the saints of the most High,** and **think to change times and laws;** and they shall be given into his hand until **a time** and **times** and **the dividing of time.**” 3 ½ years.

Daniel 9:24-27, “Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and **to bring in everlasting righteousness,** and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem **unto the Messiah the Prince** shall be **seven weeks,** [7 x 7 years], and **threescore and two weeks;** [62 x 7 years] the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. And **after threescore and two weeks** [62 x 7 years] **shall Messiah be cut off,** but not for himself: and **the people of the prince** that shall come shall destroy the city and the

sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war **desolations** are determined. And **he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week**: [7 years]and **in the midst of the week** [3 ½ years] **he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease**, and for **the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate**, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the **desolate**.”

Daniel 11:24, “**He shall enter peaceably** even upon the fattest places of the province; and he shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches: yea, and **he shall forecast his devices** against the strong holds, **even for a time**.” [see Daniel 7:25 above: a time is a year.]

Daniel 11:31, “And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall **take away the daily sacrifice**, and **they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate**.”

Daniel 12:11, “And **from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away**, and **the abomination that maketh desolate set up**, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.” 1290 Days

Matthew 24:15, “When ye therefore shall see **the abomination of desolation**, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)”

Mark 13:14, “¶But when ye shall see **the abomination of desolation**, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains:”

Daniel 9:24, “**Seventy weeks** are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and **to bring in everlasting righteousness**, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.” Everlasting Righteousness happens in Revelation: 2 Peter 3:13, “Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for **new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness**.” Revelation 21:1-2, “And I saw **a new heaven and a new earth**: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw **the holy city, new Jerusalem**, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.”

Psalms 103:17, “But the mercy of the LORD is **from everlasting to everlasting** upon them that fear him, and **his righteousness unto children's children**;”

Psalms 119:142, “**Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness**, and thy law is the truth.”

Psalms 119:144, “**The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting**: give me understanding, and I shall live.”

Job: (A Type of the Persecuted Tribulation Saint)

Job 2:13, “So they sat down with him upon the ground **seven days and seven nights**, and none spake a word unto him: for they saw that **his grief was very great**.” Great Tribulation: Matthew 24:21; Revelation 2:22; Revelation 7:14. Notice those washing their robes during the Great Tribulation! It’s not the Church (the body of Christ)

Job 3:25-26, “For **the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me**, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me. **I was not in safety**, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet; **yet trouble came**.” Jacob’s Trouble: Jeremiah 30:5-7

Job 4:13-17;

Job 5:19, “He shall deliver thee in **six troubles**: yea, **in seven** there shall no evil touch thee.” Seven Troubles: are these seven years of troubles? The seven churches in Revelation have overcomers for seven years.

Job 6:4, “For **the arrows of the Almighty** are within me, **the poison whereof drinketh up my spirit**: **the terrors of God do set themselves in array against me**.”

Job 6:29, “**Return**, I pray you, let it not be iniquity; yea, **return again, my righteousness is in it**.” Return Again? A Second Coming?

Job 8:7-8, “Though **thy beginning was small**, yet **thy latter end** should greatly increase. For enquire, I pray thee, of **the former age**, and prepare thyself to the search of their fathers:” The former age of the Church age. The latter end of Jacob during the tribulation.

Job 9:24, “**The earth is given into the hand of the wicked**: he covereth the faces of the judges thereof; if not, where, and who is he?” The wicked is Satan’s son that is who he is.

Job 10:14-17, “**If I sin, then thou markest me**, and thou wilt not acquit me from mine iniquity. If I be wicked, woe unto me; and **if I be righteous**, yet will I not lift up my head. I am full of confusion; therefore see thou mine **affliction**; For it **increaseth**. **Thou huntest me** as a fierce lion: and again thou shewest thyself marvellous upon me. Thou renewest **thy witnesses** against me, and **increasest thine indignation** upon me; **changes and war are against me**.” The mark of the beast. Genesis 4:15; Revelation 13:16-18; Revelation 14:9-11; Revelation 15:2; Revelation 16:2; Revelation 19:20. Hunters Jeremiah 16:16; they two witnesses Malachi 4:4-6; Matthew 17:3; Mark 9:4; Luke 9:30; Revelation 11:3-4.

Job 10:22, “A land of **darkness**, as **darkness** itself; and of the **shadow of death**, without any order, and **where the light is as darkness**.” Joel 2:2; Joel 2:31; Zephaniah 1:15; Acts 2:20; Revelation 6:12.

Job 16:9-14, “He teareth me **in his wrath**, who hateth me: he gnasheth upon me with his teeth; mine enemy sharpeneth his eyes upon me. They have gaped upon me with their mouth; they have smitten me upon the cheek reproachfully; they have gathered themselves together against me. **God hath delivered me to the ungodly**, and **turned me over into the hands of the wicked**. I was at ease, but **he hath broken me asunder**: he hath also taken me by my neck, and

shaken me to pieces, and set me up for his mark. His archers compass me round about, he cleaveth my reins asunder, and doth not spare; he poureth out my gall upon the ground. He breaketh me with breach upon breach, he runneth upon me like a giant.” God delivered them to Satan and set His mark upon them: Ezekiel 9:4; Revelation 14:1; Revelation 13:7. What’s up with the like a giant? Will the Giants come back during the tribulation time?

Job 21:20, “His eyes shall see his destruction, and he shall drink of the wrath of the Almighty.” Romans 1:18; Ephesians 5:6; Colossians 3:6; Revelation 14:10; Revelation 14:19; Revelation 15:1; Revelation 15:7; Revelation 16:1. Job 21:30, “That the wicked is reserved to the day of destruction? they shall be brought forth to the day of wrath.”

God’s Righteousness in the Church Age

Romans 3:21-26, “But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.”

Romans 4:3, “For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.”

Romans 5:13-18, “(For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam’s transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. For if by one man’s offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.”

Romans 6:13, “Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.”

Romans 6:16-18, “Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.”

Romans 8:3-10, “For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.”

Romans 10:3-4, “For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.”

1 Corinthians 1:29-31. “That no flesh should glory in his presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.”

2 Corinthians 5:21, “For he [God] hath made him [Jesus Christ] to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him [Jesus Christ].”

Galatians 2:19-21, “For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.”

Galatians 3:2-7, “This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh? Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if it be yet in vain. He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.”

Galatians 3:21-29, “Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the

law. But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.”

Galatians 5:5, “For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.”

Ephesians 4:24, “And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.”

Ephesians 5:9, “(For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)”

Ephesians 6:14, “Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;”

Philippians 1:11, “Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.”

Philippians 3:9-12, “And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.”

2 Peter 1:1-4, “Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”

Acts 13:38-39, “Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.”