

## **Righteousness & Justification:**

*This study examines the indispensable relationship of **righteousness** and **justification** working in the law of Yah. “**Righteousness is not obtained until justification is completed.**” Examining the definition of these words and their usage in context of the scriptures will give further understanding.*

**Righteousness** #1343 dikaiosune, from 1342; equity of character or action, to act justly, morally, uprightness, honesty, having virtue. Strictly observant of morality; always behaving according to a religious or moral code, the Law of Yah. Justifiable: considered to be correct or **justified**, upright, walking without sin.

What “**justifies**”, meaning what uprights a person after one has fallen from being **righteous**, is receiving the Grace of Yah. Through Yahshua we are “**justified**” by “**our faith in Him,**” in that He died for our sins through His sacrifice of shedding His blood on the cross for us. Ro 4:6~8

**Justified** #1344 Dikaiow; to render, to show or regard as just or **innocent**; to be free, to be **righteous**.

The word “**justify**” is a building word, meaning; to align, to straighten up, and to make level or to upright that which was down or crooked. An example would be a carpenter would “**justify**” a board to raise it from the ground to an **upright** position in making a house. In the same manner, Yahshua who is our carpenter, raises us up when we have fallen to “**justify**” us before our heavenly Father, up-righting us to make us righteous as we walk before Yah. **Our righteousness is seen by our actions** in following His laws, His code of right doing.

Dt 6: 24~25 And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as it is at this day. And **it shall be our righteousness**, if we observe to do all these commandments before the LORD our God, as he hath commanded us.

*Righteousness is associated with **doing** the Laws of Yah. One is righteous if one follows and does according to His will... not according to our moral compass or that of the worlds belief systems. Yah’s law is the only standard by which righteousness is established. Not in the knowing of the law is it obtained, but in the doing.*

Mt 3:13~17 ¶ Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us **to fulfill all righteousness**. Then he suffered him. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

*One of Yahshua’s first acts of revealing Himself as the Messiah was the fulfilling of law according to its righteous requirements.*

Mt 5:6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after **righteousness**: for they shall be filled.

Mt 5:10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for **righteousness'** sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Mt 5:20 For I say unto you, That except **your righteousness** shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Mt 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and **His righteousness**; and all these things shall be added unto you.

*Righteousness according to His law is the standard by which all will be judged. Godly instruction was never founded upon humanly conceived moral standards. We don't do away with His law, we uphold it.*

Act 10:34~35 ¶ Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and **worketh righteousness**, is accepted with him.

Ro 2:26 Therefore if the uncircumcision (*Gentiles*) keep the **righteousness of the law**, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision (*Israelites*)?

*All are accepted through Yahshua's sacrifice for sins, being **justified** by His blood shed on the cross. We are justified, made upright from our sins against His laws. Once repentant of that transgression, the changing of our ways, we are once again to live daily the **righteous** requirements of His laws.*

*Having accepted the gift of "**Justification**" without completing the act of becoming "**Righteous**" does not work. It would be like having been taken out of the pit, washed of your filth, given a set of brand new cloths and a map to follow by which to avoid the pot holes of life. But respond by, thumb your nose at the gift and jump back into the pit willingly. What would be the reason to justify you if you were to go right back to doing the same things again? Did Yahshua die in vain? And what is this calling for if I once again return to my former self?*

*Having been "**justified**" without becoming "**righteous**" is truly showing no respect for the gift given. We are required to produce fruits by the indwelling of His Spirit, showing that we are His servants, giving honor to the giver of life who allows us to obtain access into His Kingdom.*

*If I break the laws of the land by stealing and I am convicted and sentenced, and my Father comes and pays my penalty, is it now acceptable to go out and commit the crime again without fear of retribution? I think not. Once my penalty is paid, I'm to go and sin no more. So why is it believable that after Yahshua died for my sin, justifying my transgressions against His righteous law, do people think that it's now permissible to relinquish the laws completely? NO...it is not!!!*

Ro 3:19~26 ¶ Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the **deeds of the law** (*or works of the law contained in ordinances; sacrificing*) there shall no flesh be **justified** in his sight: **for by the law** (*in its entirety*) **is the knowledge of sin**. But now the **righteousness** of God without the law (*contained in ordinances; sacrificing*) 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.

***Righteousness** comes by the keeping of the law. **Justification** comes by the act of being up-righted after one has fallen by transgressing the law. Previously, justification was accomplished through the **sacrificial system contained in ordinances, called the works of the law**. They were a shadow to what would become the ultimate sacrifice...Yahshua for the sins of mankind.*

***Righteousness** apart from the law refers to being **justified** by Yahshua's sacrifice for our sins and now being up-righted by His offering. The law being referenced is the sacrificial law contained in ordinances. His offering on the cross for sins now allows one to walk before Yah without blame, as a person made right in His sight as one who is **Righteous**. This is accomplished through Yahshua's perfect sacrifice which*

*supersedes that of the blood of animals fulfilling the sacrificial system contained in ordinances, called the works of the law.*

*These two words, **righteous** and **justified** are often used interchangeably in the context of Yahshua's sacrifice for our sins. Both words refer to the sacrifice for the transgressions of sin, meaning the blood sacrifice that uprights one, which makes one righteous. In the past, one was justified through the blood of an animal as specified in the law contained in ordinances. Now, through Yahshua's blood sacrifice, the believer is justified, freed from the works of continually bringing a sacrifice to the temple, engaging the Levitical Priesthood for the remission of sin. Can you imagine the cost of live stock and time spent by the sinner every occasion that he is found in sin? As well as the fear of living outside of Yah's law until the sacrifice is completed. These works were the requirements of the law contained in ordinances. We now obtain righteousness by faith in Yahshua for His ultimate blood sacrifice for the sin of humankind. What was fulfilled by Yahshua involved the requirements of the law that **justified**; requirements that now became superfluous, no longer needed, and thus were nailed to the cross. Yet minus these deletions, the entirety of Yah's law remains the same, in effect.*

Mt 26:26 ¶ And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many **For the Remission of Sins.**

*Note what was stated by Yahshua as being the "New Testament"; His blood given for the **REMISSION OF SIN**. In some translations this is called the New Covenant, but all state the same which is; this New Covenant / Testament apply only for the "**remission of sins**." All is associated with the **sacrificial system** that atones for sin. Nowhere is any other part of the law mentioned as being fulfilled or completed.*

Ro 6:15~23 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. 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**. I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members **servants to righteousness unto holiness**. For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were **free from righteousness**, (*Without righteousness outside the law of God*). What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now **ashamed**? For the end of those things is death. But now being made **free from sin** (*justified by His sacrifice*), and **become servants to God**, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Apart from Yah's law there is no righteousness, except self righteousness. Only through His laws is truth to be known. Formally apart from Yah's law, one had no righteousness and bared fruits of offense. The sin of disobedience: stealing, lying, lust and the like, all of which, once coming to see and acknowledge His truth, leaves us ashamed, embarrassed, humiliated and uncomfortable in our behavior in His presence. Paul gives us instruction about the law and righteousness and how it is to be viewed.*

1Tim 1:5~11 ¶ Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned: From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling; Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm. But we know that **the law is good, if a man use it lawfully**; Knowing this, that **the law is not made for a righteous man**, but for the **lawless and disobedient**, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, For whoremongers, for them that **defile themselves** with

mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine; According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.

*The laws define what sin is and in doing so defines righteousness as the absence of sinful behavior. So the law is meant as the standard for sinners to check themselves against to see if they are walking uprightly, according to Yah's will. Without the law there is no qualification by which righteousness is measured against.*

*An example would be like using different length sticks to measure the size of a room. The room is 14 sticks long... great, but what stick did you use? I used a bunch of different one's until I came up with 14. Does it matter? I guess not if you believe that there are many ways to the Kingdom. With no definition, there is nothing defined.*

1Tim 6:11~12 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and **follow after righteousness**, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

1Jn 2:28~29 ¶ And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming. If ye know that he is **righteous**, ye know that **every one that doeth righteousness is born of him**.

1Jn 3: 4~10 ¶ Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth **righteousness is righteous**, even as he is **righteous**. He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: **whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God**, neither he that loveth not his brother.

*That which we should value in ourselves and in one another,  
Is the dignity of Yah's image?  
And the great price at which we were bought.*

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