

Justification

JUSTIFICA'TION, *noun*

1. The act of justifying; a showing to be just or conformable to law, rectitude or propriety; vindication; defense. The court listened to the evidence and arguments in *justification* of the prisoner's conduct. Our disobedience to God's commands admits no *justification*

2. Absolution.

I hope, for my brother's *justification* he wrote this but as an essay of my virtue.

3. In law, the showing of a sufficient reason in court why a defendant did what he is called to answer. Pleas in *justification* must set forth some special matter.

4. In theology, remission of sin and absolution from guilt and punishment; or an act of free grace by which God pardons the sinner and accepts him as righteous, on account of the atonement of Christ.

<https://webstersdictionary1828.com/Dictionary/Justification>

Rom 5:9 KJV - Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

justification is by Christ's blood

Rom 3:28 KJV - Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.
justification is by faith without the deeds of the law

Rom 3:24 KJV - Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:
justification is freely by God's grace

Rom 4:25 KJV - Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.
Christ was resurrected for our justification
The resurrection shows that God was satisfied with Christ's payment for sin

Rom 5:16 KJV - 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.
Justification forgives many offenses

justification = God counting a sinner as forgiven of all sin and righteous

Justification is (1) freely by God's grace
(2) by faith without the deeds of the law
(3) by Christ's shed blood

Regeneration

Regen* 2x in scripture

regeneration, n.

1.a. The action of coming or bringing into renewed existence; recreation; rebirth; **restoration**.

2.a. The process or fact of being **spiritually reborn**; the state resulting from this.

REGENERA'TION, noun

1. Reproduction; the act of producing anew.

2. In theology, new birth by the grace of God; that change by which the will and natural enmity of man to God and his law are subdued, and a principle of supreme love to God and his law, or holy affections, are implanted in the heart.

He saved us by the washing of *regeneration* and renewing of the Holy Spirit. [Titus 3:5](#).

<https://webstersdictionary1828.com/Dictionary/Regeneration>

1st reference

Mat 19:28 KJV - And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

This is the first regeneration verse

This is a reference either to (1) the new earth or (2) the millennium

DW: likely it is the millennium

Mat 25:31 KJV - When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

If Matt 19:28 refers to the millennium, then regeneration is used in the sense of restoration

2nd reference

Tit 3:5 KJV - Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

This is the second appearance of regeneration

This is the appearance of regeneration that I want to focus on

Notice it says "washing of regeneration"

Sin produces death

Rom 6:23 KJV - For the wages of sin [is] death; but the gift of God [is] eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rom 7:5 KJV - For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

Rom 7:13 KJV - Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.

Rom 8:2 KJV - For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

1Co 15:56 KJV - The sting of death [is] sin; and the strength of sin [is] the law.

Sin produces death

Therefore, for someone to have spiritual life, they have to be forgiven of their sins

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Eph 2:1 KJV - And you [hath he quickened], who were dead in trespasses and sins;

QUICK'ENED, *participle passive*

1. Made alive; revived; vivified; reinvigorated.
2. Accelerated; hastened.
3. Stimulated; incited.

<https://webstersdictionary1828.com/Dictionary/quickened>

quickened = made alive who were dead

A lost person is spiritually dead in trespasses and sins
When they come to faith, they are quickened,
made spiritually alive

Eph 2:5 KJV - Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

same idea

Col 2:13 KJV - And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

Same idea of being dead in sin

When someone believes, they are quickened and at the same time they are forgiven of all sins

Gal 4:28 KJV - Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.

Gal 4:29 KJV - But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him [that was born] after the Spirit, even so [it is] now.

At salvation, one is made spiritually alive = born after the Spirit

Summary: when someone believes the gospel

they receive the forgiveness of all sins

they are quickened – they change from being spiritually dead in trespasses and sins to being spiritually alive

they are born after the Spirit

Tit 3:5 KJV - Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

regeneration = spiritual birth

“washing of regeneration” = forgiveness of sin and spiritual rebirth

Reconciliation

RECONCILIATION, *noun* [Latin reconciliatio.]

1. The act of reconciling parties at variance; renewal of friendship after disagreement or enmity. Reconciliation and friendship with God, really form the basis of all rational and true enjoyment.

2. In Scripture, the means by which sinners are reconciled and brought into a state of favor with God, after natural estrangement or enmity; the atonement; expiation.

Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression and to make an end of sin, and to make *reconciliation* for iniquity. [Daniel 9:24](#). [Hebrews 2:17](#).

3. Agreement of things seemingly opposite, different or inconsistent.

<https://webstersdictionary1828.com/Dictionary/Reconciliation>

Col 1:20 KJV - And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, [I say], whether [they be] things in earth, or things in heaven.

reconciliation = making peace

Col 1:21 KJV - And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in [your] mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

man's wicked works made him an enemy of God

Rom 5:10 KJV - For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

man is reconciled to God by the death of Jesus Christ

2Co 5:18 KJV - And all things [are] of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

2Co 5:19 KJV - To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

2Co 5:20 KJV - Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech [you] by us: we pray [you] in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

reconciliation = God's offer of peace to his enemies (sinners)

ministry of reconciliation = preaching that the lost who are the enemies of God can have peace with God through the blood of Christ

Atonement

ATO'NEMENT, *noun*

1. Agreement; concord; reconciliation, after enmity or controversy. [Romans 5:11](#).

Between the Duke of Glo'ster and your brothers.

2. Expiation; satisfaction or reparation made by giving an equivalent for an injury, or by doing or suffering that which is received in satisfaction for an offense or injury; with for.

And Moses said to Aaron, go to the altar, and offer thy sin-offering, and thy burnt-offering, and make an *atonement* for thyself and for the people. [Leviticus 9:7](#).

When a man has been guilty of any vice, the best *atonement* he can make for it is, to warn others not to fall into the like.

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The Phocians behaved with so much gallantry, that they were thought to have made a sufficient *atonement* for their former offense.

3. In theology, the expiation of sin made by the obedience and personal sufferings of Christ.

<https://webstersdictionary1828.com/Dictionary/atonement>

Notice that the 1st definition of atonement = reconciliation

G2643 *katallagē* cot-a-la-gay

Rom 11:15 KJV - For if the casting away of them [be] the reconciling[G2643] of the world, what [shall] the receiving [of them be], but life from the dead?

2Co 5:18 KJV - And all things [are] of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation:[G2643]

2Co 5:19 KJV - To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.[G2643]

Rom 5:11 KJV - And not only [so], but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.[G2643]

G2643 is translated	reconciling 1x
	reconciliation 2x
	atonement 1x

Note: The same Greek word is translated both reconciliation & atonement

It can be that the same Greek word has multiple different meanings in English

It also can be that there are different English words that have the same meaning

Q: So, how can we tell?

Rom 5:11 is the only time that atonement appears in the NT

Let's look at the very beginning in Rom 5:10

Rom 5:10 KJV - For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled [G2644], we shall be saved by his life.

G2644 *katallassō* cot-a-loss-o

Rom 5:11 KJV - And not only [so], but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.[G2643]

Just based upon the immediate context, you can tell that atonement means reconciled

2Ch 29:24 KJV - And the priests killed them, and they made reconciliation with their blood upon the altar, to make an atonement for all Israel: for the king commanded [that] the burnt offering and the sin offering [should be made] for all Israel.

It is reconciliation with blood that makes atonement for sin

Atonement = reconciliation = God's offer of peace to his enemies (sinners)

Reconciliation is made possible by the blood of Christ

Sanctification

SANCTIFICA'TION, *noun* [[See Sanctify.](#)]

1. The act of making holy. In an evangelical sense, the act of God's grace by which the affections of men are purified or alienated from sin and the world, and exalted to a supreme love to God. God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation, through *sanctification* of the Spirit and belief of the truth. [2 Thessalonians 2:13](#). [1 Peter 1:2](#).
2. The act of consecrating or of setting apart for a sacred purpose; consecration. <https://webstersdictionary1828.com/Dictionary/Sanctification>

sanctification = setting apart for a sacred purpose

2Ti 2:16 KJV - But shun profane [and] vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

2Ti 2:20 KJV - But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.

Different types of vessels

Some vessels to honour and some to dishonour

Some vessels are set apart for a higher purpose

2Ti 2:21 KJV - If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, [and] prepared unto every good work.

By shunning profane and vain babblings,

one is a vessel unto honour

one is sanctified

one is set apart for a sacred purpose

Lev 8:11 KJV - And he sprinkled thereof upon the altar seven times, and anointed the altar and all his vessels, both the laver and his foot, to sanctify them.

The altar and vessels are made of normal physical substances

They are not magical or supernatural

But they are sanctified / set apart for God's purposes

God sanctifies the believer at salvation

1Co 6:11 KJV - And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

1Co 1:2 KJV - Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called [to be] saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

The Corinthians were sanctified at salvation

This was not based on their personal behavior

It is a positional sanctification based on them being put in Christ

Notice "sanctified IN Christ Jesus"

Every believer has been sanctified by God at the moment of salvation

Every believer is set apart for a sacred purpose

1Ch 23:13 KJV - The sons of Amram; Aaron and Moses: and Aaron was separated, that he should sanctify the most holy things, he and his sons for ever, to burn incense before the LORD, to minister unto him, and to bless in his name for ever.

sanctify = to set apart for God's purposes

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experiential sanctification

1Th 4:3 KJV - For this is the will of God, [even] your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

1Th 4:4 KJV - That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;
A different aspect of sanctification is the believer choosing to set himself apart from sin

sanctification = setting apart for a sacred purpose