

The Word Of The Day May 17, 2013

Saved By The Blood Of Jesus

The word Justification is defined in Christian circles as - The Christian belief that the grace of God absolves people from all sin. The Bible even describes a worldly and, maybe, even an immoral man as someone that God Justified.

2 Peter 2:6-9 KJV And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned *them* with an overthrow, making *them* an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; (7) And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (8) (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed *his* righteous soul from day to day with *their* unlawful deeds;) (9) The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

If God justified, the worldly believer Lot, then justification must not be by good works "For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed *his* righteous soul from day to day". (2 Peter 2:9) In fact—the Bible says:

Romans 3:19-20 KJV 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. (20) **There-fore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight**: for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.

Romans 3:26-28 KJV To declare, *I say*, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. (27) Where *is* boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. (28) Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

Ephesians 2:8-9 KJV For by grace are ye saved through faith; **and that not of yourselves**: *it is* the gift of God: (9) **Not of works, lest any man should boast**.

Here is some background on Mr. Lot. He was the nephew of his Uncle Abraham. And Abraham was a mighty man of faith. (Hebrews 11:8-12). Remember, it was Abraham that believed God (Faith).

Galatians 3:6-11 KJV Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. (7) Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. (8) And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, *saying*, In thee shall all nations be blessed. (9) So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham. (10) For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. (11) But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, *it is* evident: for, The just shall live by faith.

It is also evident that Lot was schooled, in the things of the Lord, by Abraham, because Lot lived with Abraham for several years. Now God said this about Abraham:

Genesis 18:17-19 KJV And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; (18) Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? (19) For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

If our Salvation depended upon our works, then it would be a different kind of salvation then what Abraham or Lot had. The Bible plainly said: **So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham. (Galatians 3:9)** Bible salvation is salvation that is bought and paid for by the Blood of Jesus. From what we have just read about Lot, I think that there awaits some mighty big surprises for some folks in eternity. Lot was not Justified by his conduct, because his conduct was not justifiable. But according to our Word study, his faith was in the works of One Who has the right to Justify you, me, Abraham and Lot.

Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it. 1 Thessalonians 5:24