LIFE NOTES
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Series: Cross**Words**
"Justification: Court Order"

Romans 4:25 "Jesus was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our **justification**." (NIV)

THE BACK STORY ON JUSTIFICATION

1. God is a God of _____— it is part of His character.

Isaiah 33:22 "For the Lord is our Judge, the Lord is our Lawgiver, the Lord is our King; it is He who will save us." (NIV)

Jeremiah 8:7 "Even the stork in the sky knows her appointed seasons, and the dove, the swift and the thrush observe the time of their migration. But my people do not know the requirements of the law." (NIV)

2. God gave the Law to _____ people how to live in right relationship Him and with each other.

Psalm 119:129-130 "129 Your statutes are wonderful; therefore I obey them. 130 The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple."

3. God will _____ based on obedience to the Law.

Micah 6:1-2 "1 Listen to what the Lord says: "Stand up, plead my case before the mountains; let the hills hear what you have to say. 2 Hear, you mountains, the Lord's accusation; listen, you everlasting foundations of the earth. For the Lord has a case against His people; He is lodging a charge against Israel." (NIV)

Deuteronomy 27:26 "Cursed is the man who does not uphold the words of this law by carrying them out …" (NIV)

James 2:10 "For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it." (NIV)

4. _____ is able to fulfill the Law and stand _____ before God.

Psalm 14:2-3 "2 The Lord looks down from heaven on all mankind to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. 3 All have turned away, all have become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one." (NIV)

Romans 3:19-20 "19 Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. 20 Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather through the law we become conscious of our sin." (NIV)

Romans 7:21-24 "21 So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. 22 For in my inner being I delight in God's law, 23 but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. 24 What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?" (NIV)

Romans 7:25 "Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!"

HOW GOD MAKES US RIGHT WITH HIM
Romans 3:21-26

1. God wants to restore my broken _____ with Him.

Romans 3:21 "But now apart from the law the righteousness **of God** has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify." (NIV)

2. This restored relationship is an _____ from God.

Romans 3:22-24 "22 … There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and all are justified **freely by His grace** through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus." (NIV)

Justify means to "declare righteous"

- It is a legal or judicial term—one's relationship to the law
- It is when a judge reaches his final verdict and declares the defendant, not guilty. All charges are dropped. Record is cleared. No penalty is received.
- The person is now "right" with the law.

3. God sent Jesus to _____ the punishment for my sin and thereby carrying out justice.

Romans 3:25-26 "25 God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of His blood—to be received by faith. 25 He did this to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance He had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—26 He did it to demonstrate His righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies t **t**hose who have faith in Jesus." (NIV)

4. I can get right with God placing my _____ in Christ.

Romans 3:26 "He did it to demonstrate His righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have **faith** in Jesus." (NIV)

BOTTOM LINE

Romans 8:1-4 "1 … there is now no condemnation **for those who are in Christ Jesus**, 2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so He condemned sin in the flesh,

4 in order that **the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us**, who
do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit." (NIV)