

JUSTIFICATION: GOD'S PARDON FOR OUR GUILT

Romans 8:1,2


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- I. The Pardon
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THE PARDON: NO CONDEMNATION

Justification:

That act of God whereby He declares an ungodly man to be perfect while he is still ungodly.

"But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness." - Romans 4:5

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THE PARDON: NO CONDEMNATION

Condemnation:

Punishment following a sentence, a judgment against someone.

The wrath of God being poured out.

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3 INFERENCES:

1. All men are accountable to God.
2. There will be judgment for sin.
3. Believers will never experience the full penalty.

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INFERENCE #1: ALL ARE ACCOUNTABLE

- Jonah 1:1,2 - "Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, 'Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me.'"

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"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. **All the nations will be gathered before Him**, and he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: ... Then he will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:..." - Matthew 25:31ff

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INFERENCE #2: THERE WILL BE JUDGMENT FOR SIN

- **John the Baptist**

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JOHN THE BAPTIST

"But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from **the wrath to come**? Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not think to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. - Matthew 3:7-10

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- **John the Baptist**
 - Matthew 3:7-10
- **Jesus**
 - Matthew 5:22, 29; 7:21-23; 10:28; 11:20-24; 23:13,14
- **Paul**
 - Romans 2:1-11
- **Peter**

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PETER

"And if you call on the Father, **who without partiality judges according to each one's work**, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear;" - I Peter 1:17

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 - I Peter 1:17
- **John**
 - Revelation 20:11-15

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JOHN

"Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God, and the books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. **And the dead were judged according to their works**, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. **And they were judged**, each one according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the book of Life was cast into the lake of fire." - Revelation 20:11-15

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INFERENCE #3 BELIEVERS WILL NEVER EXPERIENCE THE FULL PENALTY

- "There is therefore now **no** condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus..."
- The Law was powerless to save - only Christ could accomplish what sinful man needed (vs. 3,4).
- Christ became sin for us (2 Cor. 5:21)

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"The Lord Jesus has already suffered all the condemnation due to sins, infirmities, failures, faults, inconsistencies, and corruptions belonging to our sinful, fall nature. And there is there now no condemnation to the children of God who trust in Him."
~ Donald Barnhouse

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II. THE PARDON'S TIMETABLE

- "Now"
- 2 ways to take it:
 - After waiting a long time - "**Now** can I?"
 - Before the action was anticipated - "Now, Already?!"

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II. THE PARDON'S TIMETABLE

- In Romans 5, we are told that "we have been justified" - The Aorist construction demands a completed act.
- "No condemnation" = present righteousness.
"For He made Him who know no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."
- II Corinthians 5:21

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II. THE PARDON'S TIMETABLE

"It is impossible for God Himself to find a flaw in the righteous position of any believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. If a stumbling drunkard went into a rescue mission an hour ago and was made alive in Christ Jesus, there is no condemnation for him in the moment, even though his headache may continue for some hours. There was no condemnation for the Philippian jailer the instant he had believed in he Lord Jesus Chris, even though he had held a suicide's sword a few instants before." - Barnhouse

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III. THE PARDON'S RECIPIENTS

- "...to those who are in Christ Jesus"
- *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."*
- II Corinthians 5:17

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III. THE PARDON'S RECIPIENTS

- What does being in Christ look like?
 - ▶ "who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit"
 - ▶ Someone whom God has drawn to Himself - John 6:65
 - ▶ New life - Changed desires.

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APPLICATION

- "No Condemnation" should humble us.
- "No Condemnation" should cause us to be patient with others.
- "No Condemnation" should kill the fear of man - if the Father has given his approval, why do we care about the approval of others?
- "No Condemnation" should eradicate anxiety.

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