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Dear Friends in Christ.

Praise the name of Jesus Who is the Great Justifier.

Justification is a big word you seldom hear used in sermons today but it is one of the most important words in the Bible. With our modern computers we don't even think about making our sentences come out even (justify) on each line as we type, but it hasn't always been that way.

Our first introduction to justification has to do with our relationship with God. Because our iniquity (inequality) it became impossible for us to get right with God. Jesus came to fix the problem by becoming one of us.

Philippians 2:5-8 "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross."

Micah 7:18 "Who is a God like You, Pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights in mercy."

Romans 5:1 "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,"

Romans 5:9 "Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him."

1 Corinthians 6:11 "And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God."

Galatians 2:16 "knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified."

Galatians 3:24 "Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith."

1 Timothy 3:16 "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory."

Titus 3:5-7 "not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

The second aspect of justification has to do with people trying to take advantage of us. No matter how they try, God always makes it come out even for us. He always gives us more than they could ever take away.

Luke 6:29-30 "To him who strikes you on the one cheek, offer the other also. And from him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold your tunic either. "Give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes away your goods do not ask them back."

When people cheat you or steal from you, give it to them and don't hold it against them.

The same principle is true in our giving

2 Corinthians 8:14 "but by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may supply their lack, that their abundance also may supply your lack--that there may be equality."

God is the great equalizer and justifier. Let go and let God!!!!!!!

May you know the Blessing of God, that Justifies, and sets you free.

Thanks again for all your love, prayers, friendship and support.

Your Servant in Christ. ><>Wayne Brooke<><