

## Justified?

As disciples we are to bear much fruit and prove to be righteous. Justification means, in one sense, to prove to be righteous or prove to be a disciple. Abraham proved to be righteous. He was justified by faith. He proved to be righteous. But Luther said the book of James was an epistle of straw, not divinely inspired and just good enough to be burned.

We have to learn about justification. The good man out of the good treasure in him brings forth good things. The people being baptized by John proved God to be just. John told them to bear fruit of their repentance.

Lk 7:29 — These people proved that God was a good God, whereas, before, the Pharisees only proved that God was an uncaring, harsh God.

Mk 7:20 — What comes out of a man is what defiles him.

Mt 1:24-25 — We know Joseph to be a righteous man by Mt 1:19, but Joseph was justified by this action, or proved to be righteous.

Jms 2:21-22 — Faith and works work together.

Mt 11:19; 12:37 — *justified*.

All things work together for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose. Sometimes you don't think it does work for the good, but later on the word will be justified and it will be made clear that everything did work for the good.

Mt 12:37 — Shown to be righteous; justified (#1334).

What comes out of your mouth is where your heart is. What comes out of our mouth is according to our heart's response to the Spirit who lives within us. We are one with His Spirit. *Justified* also means “*declared to be righteous*.” Abraham was declared to be righteous. He proved he had faith. He proved that he trusted in and relied upon God by what he did.

Mt 5:16 — There is no salvation outside of Israel. God made that clear from the beginning. If you wanted to be saved you had to come into Israel and be saved. By your good works you are shown to be righteous. In Isa 49:6 it is talking about a collective people, a

collective light, bright and shining. Isa 49:6 — You have to be included in that body that generates the light. The nation will be the light that illuminates people's hearts and minds who can see the glory of Yahshua. The light comes from the life (not the other way around).

The sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings (Mal 4:2). The woman will be clothed with the brilliance of the sun.

Jms 2:21-22 (#4903) — Together, to cooperate, to help, to collaborate, to work together — your faith is proved that it is true; otherwise it is not from the heart.

Why was Abraham justified when he offered up Isaac on the altar? He knew in his heart that God could raise the dead. It didn't just come from the mind. He proved God to be righteous and Abraham proved to be worthy of YHWH because he loved Him more than anything else. Otherwise Abraham would not have proved to be a believer (Gal 3:9). Even the promise came through Isaac. We have to be justified in the same way. Our faith has to be put to the test.

Gal 3:9 should have said, “Abraham, the believer” (as in the NASB) to clarify the word *believe*. Abraham trusted in, relied upon, and adhered to God in obedience, *proving his faith*, or justifying his *faith* (Jms 2:23).

What do you do when your husband, wife or children leave? How do you prove yourself to be worthy of Messiah, or how is your belief in Him justified?

Our Father put Abraham to the test to see how genuine his faith was. It was the ultimate test (Gen 22:1).

You have to be working within the Body of Messiah if you are saved from eternal destruction. God prepared works for you to do. Each part of Israel is connected to the head. We are in coordination with one another. That is why it is called a *body* (1 Cor 12:12). There is no independent action in Messiah's Body. It is lawlessness if there is. There is no independent action in the human body.

What does *one* mean? Any separation negates unity, oneness. Are the Father, the Son and the Spirit one?