



**PROVING
JUSTIFICATION AS REALLY
AN INWARD CHANGE
IN TRUE ADVENTISM**

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The concept of the doctrine of “Justification by faith” is confused in the minds and experience of almost all Christian religions. The inward experience of being made righteous and sinfree is not known by many. Why? 1 Tim 4:1, says “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.”

There is indeed much deception in doctrines and in ‘Justification’ the denial of an inward change from sin to sinfree righteousness, through the power of the gospel. 2 Tim 3:5 says, “Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.” So all who deny a true change are deceived by doctrines of devils.

A statement from the Messenger to Seventh day Adventist; ‘The danger has been presented to me again and again of entertaining, as a people, false ideas of justification by faith. I have been shown for years that Satan would work in a special manner to confuse the mind on this point. ...I have been shown that many have been kept from the faith because of the mixed, confused ideas of salvation, because the ministers have worked in a wrong manner to reach hearts. ELLEN G. WHITE, **1888 MATERIALS**, PAGE 810

Here are SDA ministers with false ideas of justification; “Again, justification is almost a fiction. We are sinners on the inside. Our characters are evil. But in spite of this plain fact, God treats us as though we were perfect on the inside. He can do this because “Christ’s character stands in place of” our character. What Jesus is like on the inside becomes what God considers us to be like on the inside.” Marvin Moore - **Conquering the Dragon Within** p 24

Here justification is made unreal as sin is exalted, we are not made sinfree, but that God has a pretentious idea of us being right in Christ even though we are not.

Another SDA minister proclaims the false justification; “The emphasis is on God’s declaring a man just, the passing of a favorable verdict. Obviously the believer is not made righteous in the sense that he is no more a sinner. Justification does not make one man to that perfect state as God

originally created him. The justified man is still in a sinful state. He (God) does not proclaim the sinner sinless that would be a lie. The Christian is a justified sinner.” Edward Heppenstall - **Salvation Unlimited** p 55, 56

This blatantly declares there is no change from sin, we remain as sinners even though we are justified. The true Seventh Day Adventist believes that justification does make us actually righteous in heart and mind. There is a change into sinfreeness from God and Christ.

Ellen White stated that God sent the message of true justification to Seventh Day Adventist. “The Lord in His great mercy sent a most precious message to His people through Elders Waggoner and Jones. This message was to bring more prominently before the world the uplifted Savior, the sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. It presented justification through faith in the Surety; **Testimonies to Ministers** p 91, 92

Read what the two messengers Elders Waggoner and Jones had to say of the reality of Justification. E.J. Waggoner said, “...forgiveness of sins is not a mere book transaction, the simple entry of the word ‘pardoned’ on the books of record, but that it is an actual fact; something that personally affects the individual. It is righteousness put into and upon the man; it is blessedness that comes to him. It is a change.” E.J Waggoner - **Christ and His Righteousness** p. 114 “

“It is taking a man who is morally bankrupt, and setting him on his feet, and that the righteousness which is imputed for the remission of sin does effect a change in the man, is evident from Rom. 3:22. It is righteousness put into and upon the sinner. That is, he is made righteous both inside and outside.” **Ibid.** p 114

Here surely the 1888 message on justification was a change that makes us righteous inwardly and outwardly. This is true sinfreeness by righteousness in us. Waggoner again says of the work of Christ in justification, “He does not furnish a cloak for sin, but takes the sin away.” E.J Waggoner - **Christ and His Righteousness** p 72

Another 1888 messenger A.T. Jones said, “Here is the word of God, the word of righteousness, the word of life, to you “now,” “at this time.” Will you be made righteousness by it now? This is justification by faith. This is righteousness by faith, it is the simplest thing in the world.” **Ibid.** **November 10, 1896**

Note the points of inward Spiritual Renewal; the word of righteousness = the word of life, to you ‘be made righteousness by it now. This is justification by faith.

1. Now to give a Biblical concept of Justification. The Formula - Rom 8:6 “For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.”

CARNAL MIND (idol values of sin) = DEATH

SPIRITUAL MIND (Ideal values of truth) = LIFE & PEACE

Rom 5:18, “Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to

condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.”

Justification = Spiritual Life = SPIRITUAL MIND

2. Justification is a ‘change of experience, a cleansing within’ the man. Titus 3:5-7 says, “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost.”

This is actual change by the working of the Holy Spirit of truth.

1 Cor. 6:9-12, says “Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.”

This change is from the life of sin into sinfreeness.

3. Now we see justification as a change from the old man to be sinfree. Rom 6:6-7 says, “Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead (to sin of the old man) is freed from sin.”

So we are made free from the carnal mind of sin and death to receive the spiritual mind in Christ. This is the actual work done in justification.

4. Another point of being free from sin. Rom 6:17-18 says, “But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.”

The Bible is clear on the facts of salvation in justification being a true change from sin. Most religions do not teach sinfreeness, because they are in apostasy with doctrines of demons. Please repent and believe the truths to be made sinfree in Jesus Christ. John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. As the world is soon to end Christ is coming, only those who are truly justified from sin, will be part of the kingdom of God. Amen!

