

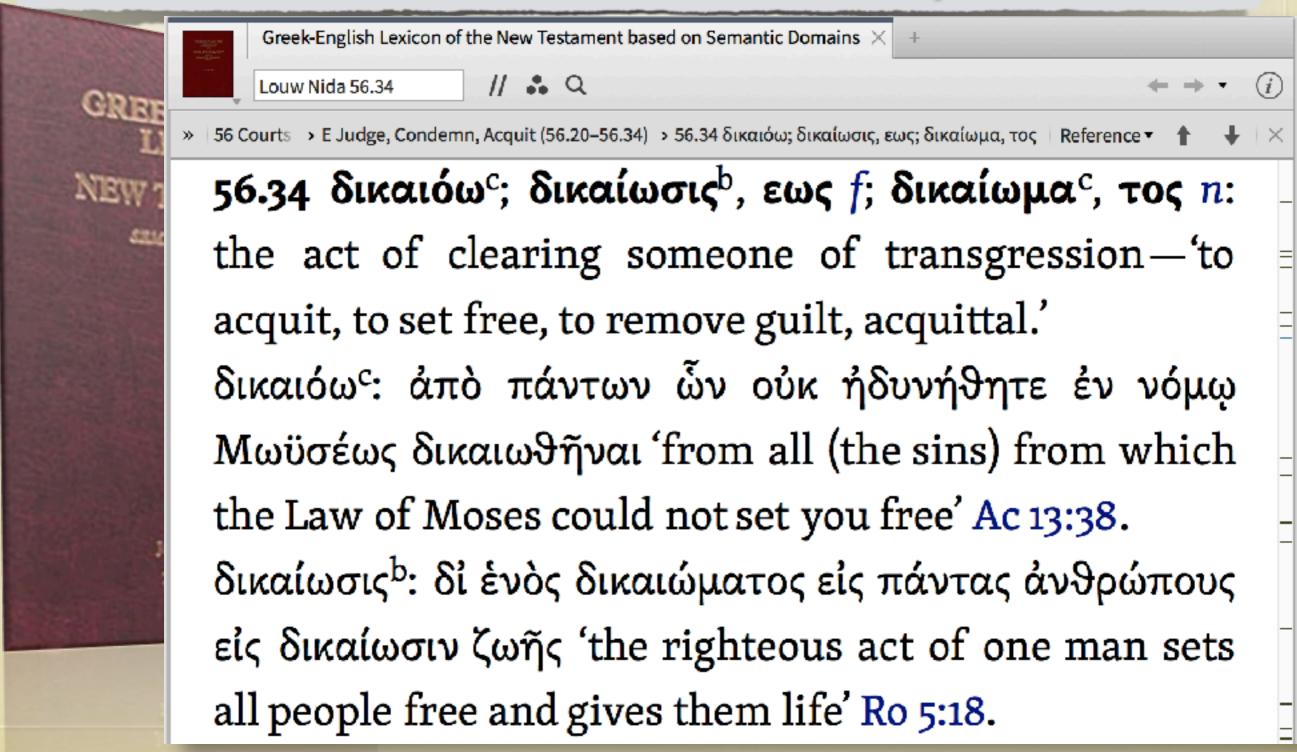
Faith Triumphs in Trouble

5 Therefore, ahaving been justified by faith, awe have been with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, acthrough whom also we have access by faith into this grace din which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Si Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

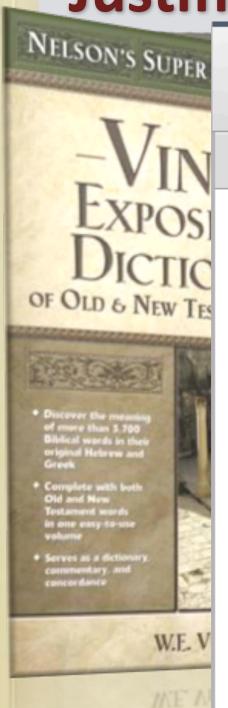
Christ in Our Place

⁶For when we were still without strength, ⁴in due time ^kChrist died for the ungodly. ⁷For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. ⁸But ¹God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Much more then, having now been justified ^mby His blood, we shall be saved ⁿfrom wrath through Him.

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dikaioo (δικαιόω, 1344) primarily "to deem to be right," signifies, in the NT, (a) "to show to be right or righteous"; in the passive voice, to be justified, Matt. 11:19; Luke 7:35; Rom. 3:4; 1 Tim. 3:16; (b)

"to declare to be righteous, to pronounce righteous," (1) by man, concerning God, Luke 7:29 (see Rom. 3:4, above); concerning himself, Luke 10:29; 16:15; (2) by God concerning men, who are declared to be righteous before Him on certain conditions laid down by Him.

Ideally the complete fulfillment of the law of God would provide a basis of "justification" in His sight, Rom. 2:13. But no such case has occurred in mere human experience, and therefore no one can be "justified" on this ground, Rom. 3:9–20; Gal. 2:16; 3:10, 11; 5:4.

A sinful man CAN NEVER be right with God apart from:

God's Will - God's love, grace & mercy — John 3:16; Eph 2:8,9; Titus 3:5

The Basis of Salvation

God's Provision The gift of Jesus —
Rom. 5:8-10; 10:5-8;
Heb 9:23-28

The Conditions of Salvation

Reception of God's
Forgiveness - Repentance
- Confession - Baptism Faithfulness - Rom. 6:16-19;
Acts 2:38; Rom. 10:9; Her
3:14-4:1; Col. 1:23

The Provision of Salvation

MAN'S NEED FOR JUSTIFICATION



- Sin and death entered the world when Adam sinned Gen 3; Rom 5:12,
- Sin has passed to all men because all sinned Ro 3:9,19,23; 5:12; Ez. 18:21-32
- Sin separates men from God Isa. 59:1,2
- The wages of sin is death Rom 6:23
- God's wrath is coming & we need to be saved from it! Ro 1:18; Eph 5:6; Col 3:6;

CANNOT BE JUSTIFIED BY:



- Supposed partiality on the part of God / or wishful thinking Rom. 2:5-11
- Self-justification Lk. 10:29; 16:15; 18:9-14
- The Law of Moses Acts 13:39; Rom. 3:19-20; 4:4; Gal. 5:4
- Works of Merit Eph 2:8,9; Lk. 18:11-12, 21-23; Jn. 1:29
- Man's ways or teaching Rom. 10:1-3;
 Matt. 15:9; Gal. 1:8-9
- Faith ALONE James 2:14-24

THE EXAMPLE OF ABRAHAM



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- What is discovered by examining the justification of the physical forefather of the Jews (4:1; Jn 8:39)
 - Abraham was not justified by boastful works / works of merit (4:2,4; 11:6; Ep 2:8.9)
 - Abraham "believed God" and it was <u>COUNTED</u> to him as righteousness (4:3; Gen. 15:6; Gal. 3:6; James 2:23)

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- The system by which men are justified rests on "*forgiveness*" not "*merit*" (4:6-8; Ps. 32:1,2; Acts 2:38; Col 2:12-14; Ep. 2:8,9)

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⁶ And if by grace, then *it* is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work. — Romans 11:6 Cf. Galatians 3:10-12

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Romans 4:5-6 (NKJV)

accounted for righteousness, 6 just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works:

Equivalent to saying "does not earn" & "apart from merit" **WORK not same as OBEY!**

Romans 6:16-18 (NKJV)

⁵ But to him who **does not** ¹⁶ Do you not know that to whom you work but believes on Him who present yourselves slaves to obey, you justifies the ungodly, his faith is are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of **obedience** *leading* to <u>righteousness</u>? 17 But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. 18 And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

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THE EXAMPLE OF ABRAHAM

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Romans 4:12

Romans 4:1-25



Genesis 12:1-4 Hebrews 11:8 ¹² and the father of circumcision to those who not only *are* of the circumcision, but who also walk in the steps of the faith which our father ¹Abraham had while still uncircumcised.

Genesis 15:6

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Romans 4:1-4,12

What Kind of Faith Did Abraham Have?

Genesis 13:4

Hebrews 11:9

Genesis 22:3,12,16,18

James 2:21-25

Contrasting Two Opposing Systems

Romans 3:27; 4:2-8; 11:6; Gal 2:14-16; 3:5-25

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A system of merit

No need for forgiveness

A system where there is no need for God's mercy or grace (Jesus)

Paul NEVER uses this term to negate the necessity of obedience to God by FAITH

Romans 1:5; 16,17; 3:27; 4:2-13; 5:1-5; 6:1-19; 16:25,26

A system of Grace

A system relying on forgiveness

A system where our need for God's mercy & grace (Jesus) is recognized

Paul NEVER uses this term in a sense that EXCLUDES obedience

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THE EXAMPLE OF DAVID

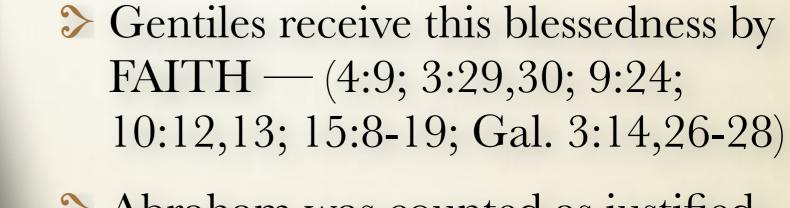
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- ⁶ just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works:
- 7 "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, And whose sins are covered;
 - 8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord shall not impute sin."

- David proclaims & illustrates the same principle Ps 32:1,2
 - David sinned could never obtain justification by the Law (2 Samuel 11,12; Gal. 3:10-12; Rom. 7:7-25)
 - He was counted as righteous by virtue of God's mercy & grace through his faith. (David repented & confessed his sin sought a steadfast spirit & pledged his future faithfulness) Psalm 51

THE EXAMPLE OF ABRAHAM

Romans 4:1-25



- Abraham was counted as justified before the giving of circumcision (4:10-12,15; Gen. 15:6; 17:10)
- ▶ Promise of justification not through the Law but through faith – (4:13-18; Gal. 3:16-29)

We must have the same kind of faith as Abraham – (4:12-25; Jn 8:39,40)

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Romans 4:1-25

12 buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. Colossians 2:12 Gen 22; Jos 6; 2 Ki 5

¹⁹ And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. 20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, 21 and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. 22 And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness."

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Romans 4:1-25

²¹ There is also an antitype which now saves us baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 1 Peter 3:21 cf. Rom 5:18; 1 Cor 15:17; 2 Cor 5:15

Now it was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him, 24 but also for us. It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.

THE EXAMPLE OF ABRAHAM



Romans 5:1-2 (NKJV) ¹ Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

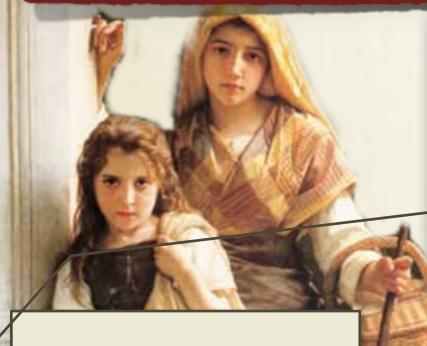
FAITH THAT OBEYS IS THE FAITH THAT SAVES



James 2:14-26 (NKJV)

14 What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?

FAITH THAT OBEYS IS THE FAITH THAT SAVES



FAITH THAT
DOES NOT OBEY
IS WORTHLESS!

James 2:14-26 (NKJV)

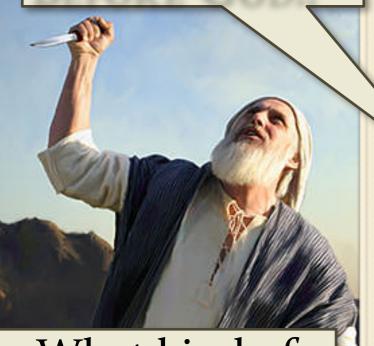
17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. 18 But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. 19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!

DEMONS BELIEVE BUT DO NOT OBEY!

FAITH THAT OBEYS IS THE FAITH THAT SAVES

Genesis 22:16-19

BEFORE GOD!!



What kind of faith did Abraham have?

Rom 4:12

James 2:14-26 (NKJV)

20 But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead? 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? 22 Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect?

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Genesis 15:6

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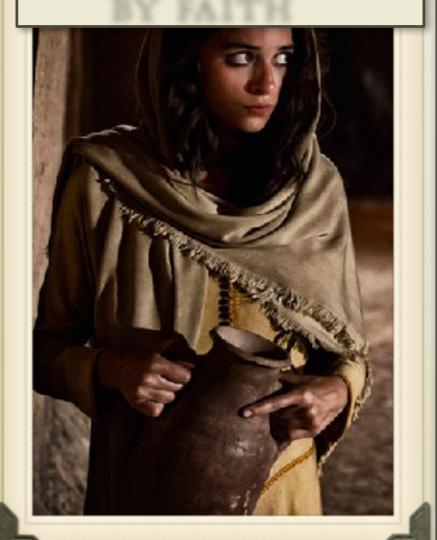
23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God. 24 You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.

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Hebrews 11:31

RAHAB JUSTIFIED

BY FAITH



James 2:14-26 (NKJV)

Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out another way? 26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

SAME PRINCIPLE IN EVERY AGE ..

- Ephesians 2:8–9 (NKJV) 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.
- ◆Salvation is a gift of God which no man deserves – Rom 3:23
- ◆Salvation is received through the means of our faith – John 3:16; 8:24; Heb 11:6; Rom 10:17
- ◆Salvation cannot be earned by our own efforts Rom. 11:6
- ◆No man can boast before God
 - Rom. 4:2; 3:23

SAME PRINCIPLE IN EVERY AGE ..

GOD SPEAKS

MAN HEARS MAN OBEYS BY FAITH

GOD SAVES

NOAH - Gen. 6:8,13-17; 22; 7:5; Heb 11:7

ABRAHAM – Gen 12:4; 15:6; 17:10,23; 22:3,16-18

ISRAEL – Ex. 12:13; 14:30; Dt 30:15-19; Jos 6; 1 Cor 10:1-13

US – Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 8:12,37; Rom 6:3-6; 10:9-13; Gal. 3:26,27; Col. 2:11-13; 1 Pet 3:21; 1 Jn 1:9

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SAVED IN CHRIST

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Acts 2:38

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1 Pet 1:22,23

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1 Corinthians 6:11 (NKJV)

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.

Justified 1 Cor 6:11 Rom 6:16,17

BAPTISM

ACTS 18:8

I Cor. 12:13

All occur at the same point in time

Washed
Acts 22:16
1 Pet 1:22,23

All tied inseparably to God's grace

Sanctified 1 Cor. 1:2

ARE YOU JUSTIFIED BEFORE GOD?



- ◆The only effectual faith is the faith that obeys God! — (James 2:14-26; Heb. 11)
- ◆What KIND of FAITH did Abraham manifest over & over again? — (Gen 12-22; Rom 4:12,23; James 2:24)
- ♦ What kind of FAITH do you have? (Mk 16:16; Acts 2:37,38,41; Gal. 3:26,27)



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GALATIANS 3:21-29 (NKJV)

21 Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law. 22 But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

GALATIANS 3:21-29 (NKJV)

23 But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. 24 Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. 25 But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

GALATIANS 3:21-29 (NKJV)

²⁶ For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.



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