

December 27, 2023

Teaching the Justification of God's Grace

[Titus 3:4-7](#)

⁴ But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water^(a) of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. ⁶ This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Many times we often ask ourselves “what is love?” or “How and where can I find love?” and “Why is it so hard to find and how do I know if and when I have found it?” Those are a few questions we often ask ourselves when we endure hardships. Sometimes the Lord doesn't seem to be present in our trying times and we need comfort. We are only human.

We often lose hope and faith in the Lord when we pray and receive nothing in return except silence and/or more challenges and trials. However, with our many questions, there are many answers even in the silence and more importantly in the *Book of Life (Holy Bible)*.

As Christians, we often start to ask many questions when bad things happen. It is acceptable to feel lost as a follower of Jesus. Most times when we receive an answer or a call, we get tested because we become blind to what we are asking for and fail to see everything that the Lord has given to us. God shows his love in many ways and blesses us daily -- even when we make a mistake because of His divine love for us.

There are many examples in the Bible that show the justification of God's amazing grace for us: when God sent His son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins and when Jesus left the flock of 99 sheep just to find the one missing sheep. God's love and grace heals the sick, causes the blind to see, and even raises the dead when we praise His name and meet Him halfway.

If we tell people and teach them about God's grace, we plant a seed that will multiply and grow in other people. Planting seeds can be a way to justify God's grace both visibly and invisibly as seen in Acts 3:16: “I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.” As we plant seeds and teach others about His love, other people will go out and spread seeds. Not only does planting these seeds justify the grace of God, it also pleases Him and His love along with His miracles. Teaching others about God's grace is a big part and role as Christians, and it also helps to open up the gateway to Heaven and slowly close the gates of Hell.

In conclusion, we as Christians need to teach people about the Lord and His love. The best way to justify God's grace is to plant seeds by talking to and praying for others. Without Christians, God's love would be difficult to justify since there will be no one to help spread and teach the word of God. Praying for others is an easy way to plant seeds and justify the grace of God.

***Prayer:** Heavenly Father, as we come to you in prayer, we all ask that you guide your light and open our hearts as we learn and teach people about your wonderful grace and love. We ask that you be with us as we go out and plant seeds in the hearts of others as we talk about you and your love for us. Lord, we all ask that you give us the words to speak and the patience under your grace to help us to teach your love as the seeds spread. We ask all this in your precious name under your divine love, AMEN!*

Ryan Nichols
Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church. Walker, WV
Certified Lay Servant