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# Better is One Day

*"Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere..." Psalm 84:10*

Matt Redman

How lovely is Your dwelling place  
O Lord Almighty  
My soul longs, and even faints for You  
For here my heart is satisfied  
Within Your presence  
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

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One thing I ask, and I would seek  
To see Your beauty  
To find You in, the place Your glory dwells  
For here my heart is satisfied  
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I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

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My heart and flesh cry out  
For You, the Living God  
Your Spirit's water to my soul  
I've tasted and I've seen  
Come once again to me  
I will draw near to You  
I will draw near to You

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# Sing to the King

*“Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.  
For God is the King of all the earth; sing to Him a psalm of praise. God  
reigns over the nations; God is seated on His holy throne” Ps. 47:6-8*

Billy James Foote, Charles Silvester Horne

Sing to the King who is coming to reign  
Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain  
Life and salvation His empire shall bring  
Joy to the nations when Jesus is King

Come, let us sing a song  
A song declaring that we belong to Jesus  
He is all we need  
Lift up a heart of praise  
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus  
Sing to the King

For His returning we watch and we pray  
We will be ready, the dawn of that day  
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed  
'Cause Satan is vanquished  
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“That you may be justified in your words,  
and prevail when you are judged.”

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# From the Inside Out

*“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is — His good, pleasing and perfect will.” Rom. 12:2*

Joel Houston

A thousand times I've failed  
Still your mercy remains  
Should I stumble again  
Still I'm caught in your grace

Everlasting  
Your Light will shine when all else fades  
Never ending  
Your Glory goes beyond all fame

Your will above all else  
My purpose remains  
The art of losing myself  
In bringing you praise

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My heart and my soul  
I give You control  
Consume me from the inside out, Lord  
Let justice and praise  
Become my embrace  
To love You from the inside out

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Your Glory goes beyond all fame  
And the cry of my heart is to bring You praise  
From the inside out  
Lord, my soul cries out

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# Cornerstone

*"The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone" Ps 118:22*

Edward Mote and Eric Liljero, Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus name

Christ alone, Cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Savior's love  
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When He shall come with trumpet  
sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless to stand before the throne

When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil  
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# Offering: Show Us Christ

*"The unfolding of Your words gives light;  
it gives understanding to the simple" Ps. 119:130*

Doug Plank and Bob Kauflin

Prepare our hearts, O God  
Help us to receive  
Break the hard and stony ground  
Help our unbelief  
Plant Your Word down deep in us  
Cause it to bear fruit  
Open up our ears to hear  
Lead us in Your truth

Show us Christ, show us Christ  
O God, reveal Your glory  
Through the preaching of Your Word  
Until every heart confesses  
Christ is Lord

Your Word is living light  
Upon our darkened eyes  
Guards us through temptations Makes  
the simple wise  
Your Word is food for famished ones  
Freedom for the slave  
Riches for the needy soul  
Come speak to us today

Show us Christ, show us Christ  
O God, reveal Your glory  
Through the preaching of Your  
Word  
Until every heart confesses  
Christ is Lord

Where else can we go, Lord  
Where else can we go  
You have the words of eternal life  
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## Romans 3

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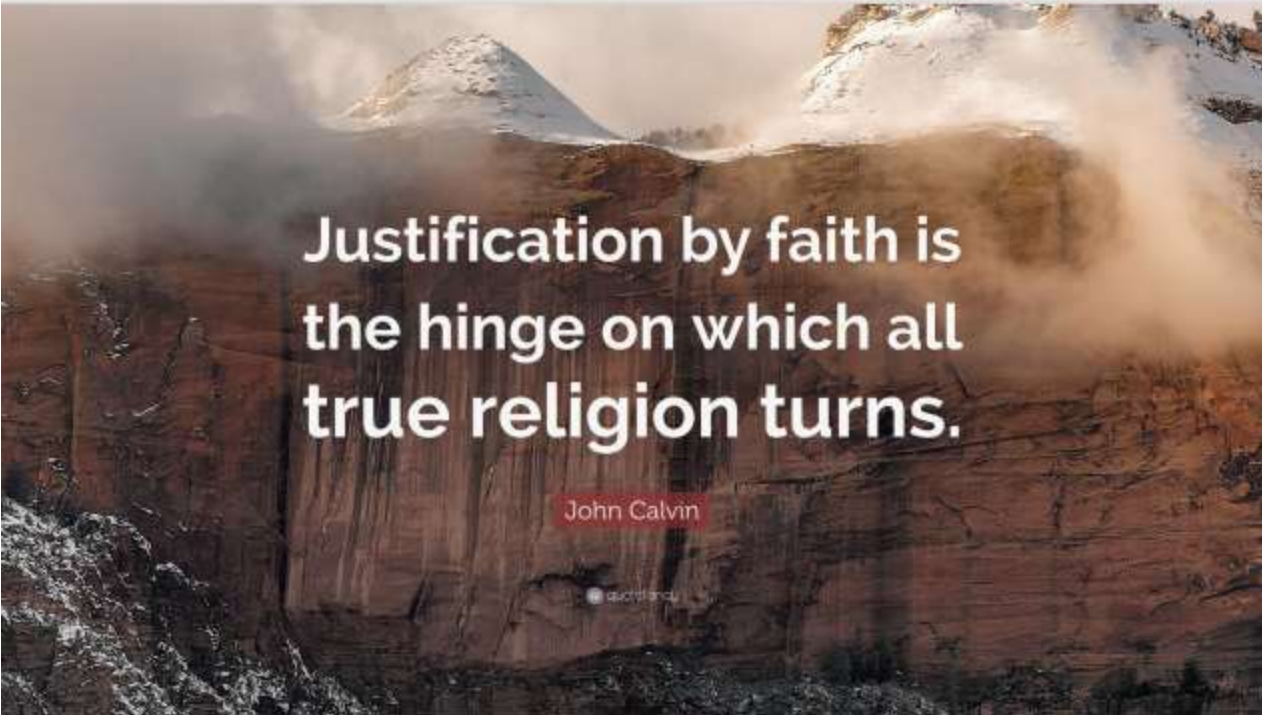




Every week I preach justification  
by faith to my people, because  
**every week they forget it.**

Martin Luther

quotation



Justification by faith is  
the hinge on which all  
**true religion turns.**

John Calvin

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In Romans 1-2, Paul explains how both Gentiles and Jews have broken God’s law and are due judgment. In chap.3, Paul begins to deal with some questions about whether God is being just. Paul reminds his readers of God’s gracious gift of the Scriptures and uses Ps 51 as a reminder of how God is just in judging sinners.

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In vv.5-8, Paul gives some examples of the endless ways that we try to justify ourselves. The reasoning is alluring, “If my bad brings about good, why should I be punished?” However, God’s judgment is based on an objective standard, our sin (“my lie”). Sin is personal and conflicts with God’s character and purposes.



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Paul points out that though the Jews have been given the Word (oracles), they are not better off because they “are under sin” also. Using a complex integration of various psalms (starting with Ps 14), Paul charges that no one (Jew or Gentile) has an excuse because “none is righteous” and “all have turned aside.”

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Paul uses two sets of images to describe the pattern of life of humans left to their own devices. Their speech is deceitful, and their actions are destructive. Paul concludes with the worst-case scenario as a conclusion, they have “no fear of God.”

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In v.19, Paul points out the Bible speaks God's truth which contrasts with our version of the truth (our self-justification). The result is that the whole world is accountable before God and is judged by His standards. Though the law reveals God's truth and human sin, people sometimes misuse it as a platform for justification before God. If we cannot be justified by "works of the law", then other works will be equally inept at justifying us (sinners) before a righteous God.

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### **God's righteousness is revealed in the Scriptures.**

The Scriptures describe the character of God (as righteous) and His work (righteous deeds). Because His judgment of sinners is based in truth, then His judgment is just.

### **As humans we cannot justify ourselves before God.**

Because all of us has strayed into unrighteousness and we have resisted the truths revealed in the Scriptures, our attempts at self-justification (religious or secular versions) will fail. We cannot meet the standard of God's righteousness on our own.



**Rejoice in the gift of God's righteousness.**

In Romans 3:21-22, we can see that God's revelation ("oracles" in 3:2) includes the access to God's righteousness. The witness of the Scriptures is that the righteousness of God is available through faith in Jesus.



# Wonderful Grace of Jesus #198

*"You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ" 2 Cor. 8:9*

Haldor Lillenas

Wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin  
How shall my tongue describe it, where shall its praise begin?  
Taking away my burden, setting my spirit free  
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me!

Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus, deeper than the mighty rolling sea  
Higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain, all-sufficient grace for even me!  
Broader than the scope of my transgressions, greater far than all my sin and shame  
Oh, magnify the precious Name of Jesus, praise His Name!

Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching to all the lost  
By it I have been pardoned, saved to the uttermost  
Chains have been torn asunder, giving me liberty  
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me!

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