

# Justification by Grace through Faith

Justification through Grace by Faith?

Justification of Grace of Faith?

Justification because of Grace in Faith?

Justification x Grace x Faith?

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JoGoF

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## LCMS View:

- The Bible is the story of Justification by Grace through Faith.
- Justification: To be made right with God
- Grace: Undeserved love from God
- Faith: Believing in God

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## As Simply as Possible:

- If JoGoF is too confusing, at least remember this:
- 1. Justification by Grace through Faith is God's Plan for Humans.
- 2. Justification by Grace through Faith is God's Love.
- 3. Justification by Grace through Faith is clearly seen in John 3:16.

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## JxGxF

- John 3:16 says that God so loved the world (GRACE) that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believes (FAITH) in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life (JUSTIFICATION).
- Romans 3:22 says "Righteousness (JUSTIFICATION) from God (GRACE) comes through Faith (FAITH) in Jesus Christ to all who believe."

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## JxGxF

- JoGoF is the fact that we are saved through faith because God loves us.
- It's seen in every verse of the Bible. In any verse, can you see God's love?
- Even in Ezra 2:29 "of Nebo 52", we see God fulfilling his promise to Abraham, "your descendants will be like the stars in the sky"....

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## JoGoF

- We see JoGoF every time we see God fulfilling promises, every time God blesses his people, every time his people turn away but he stays faithful, every time we see a person worship, every time the Messiah is promised, every time God's anger burns against his enemies.
- Everything that happens in the Bible shows Justification, Grace, and/or Faith. Everything shows God's love.

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## JoGoF

- Sometimes, it's really easy to see JoGoF: look at:
- 1. Joshua 1: 2-3
- 2. Matthew 1: all
- 3. Hebrews 11: 32-39

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## Justification

- Justification: Being made right with God.
- Since we are sinful human beings (descendants of Adam and Eve), we can't be with God.
- In order to be with God, we must be made right--we must be justified--in our case, we need FORGIVENESS for our sinful human nature.
- God offers us free justification. His deal with us is this: simply believe in Jesus, and I'll GIVE

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## Grace

- Grace is undeserved love from God to humans.
- God GIVES us FREE justification.
- We deserve to go to hell, since we are drenched with sin.
- By his grace, a free gift of love, he offers us free forgiveness for our sins.

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## Faith

- Faith is believing in God, despite the fact that there is no evidence.
- We aren't Christians because we've analyzed the facts, and they point to Jesus actually being God.
- We are Christians because, despite the LACK of evidence, despite the fact that there is no videotape of Jesus performing miracles, and all we have is a story that four guys wrote down; despite all that we still believe that Jesus was

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## Evidence vs. Faith

- If scientists prove for a fact that dinosaurs existed, would that affect your faith?
- If archaeologists find a grave that has Jesus' body in it, would that affect your faith?
- If scientists prove for a fact that Jesus never existed, would that affect your faith?
- We have a faith that doesn't need any physical evidence.

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