

## JUSTICE IS SATISFIED

God does not need anything. God never changes. God does not need satisfaction concerning sin's punishment or sin's consequences. Malachi 3:6 Hebrews 13:8

However, God does orchestrate life so that justice is satisfied. The cross of Jesus justified the total and utmost condemnation of sin (Romans 8:3). Because sin killed the sinless Jesus, sin is sentenced to removal from all of creation. Jesus arose with all power and authority to remove sin and He is now making new creations out of cooperating people (Matthew 28:18-20). God has freely forgiven all persons, and those who are "in Christ" have personally received Jesus into their lives and now possess eternal life. God does not need to have our sin debt paid. God does not need the penalty of sin to be paid so that He can forgive. God does not need to punish anyone in our place. Justice is satisfied by changes that occur in the born again believer. Through our sanctification, Jesus is in the process of removing our sin and Jesus is living in us to produce His righteous acts. God is justified in giving eternal life to believers because God is changing believers into totally sinless and totally righteous new creations. God was not changing Himself or satisfying Himself at the cross. God was justifying His giving eternal life to those who have faith in Jesus (Romans 3:26). When God's work in us is finished, only the new creature in Christ will enter the presence of God. The flesh which was "in Adam" will die physically. Only the new creation "in Christ" will live eternally. Our glorified body is made in heaven and is our eternal body (2 Corinthians 5:1-10).

God does not require personal satisfaction, but God sees to it that justice is satisfied. God is always and has always been personally satisfied. God was always pleased with His Son. Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Jesus did not undergo a change in His position with God in order to save us from our sin. The eternal Son of God did make a drastic change in becoming the human Jesus. Empowered by His divine nature, Jesus remained sinless as a human, and Jesus allowed sin to kill Him in order to defeat sin, death, and Satan. God was in Christ on the cross (2 Corinthians 5:19). Nothing about Jesus changed in His position with the Father. The Father was not punishing Jesus. Jesus was not being punished in your place. Justice is satisfied at the cross in that sin is justly sentenced to execution, extermination, and extinction. Jesus has the right and the power to take you away from your sin and to take away your sin replacing it with righteous actions. Sanctification is a lifelong process. God promises to complete the work He began in you. God's fulfilling promise in you is how that justice is satisfied concerning you. Philippians 1:6

PSALM 32:1-2

**Blessed** is he whose **transgression** is forgiven, whose **sin** is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not **iniquity**, and in whose spirit there is no **guile**.

Blessed means those who have exercised faith and are forgiven, covered, and counted righteous.

**Forgiven** means sins are carried away and removed.

**Sin covered** means God no longer looks upon them.

**Imputeth not iniquity** means God does not count it against us and counts us righteous.

**God counts us righteous** because He promises to complete the work He began in us.

Transgression means to defy authority and **knowingly** cross the line in defiance.

Sin means to fall short of the glory of God, **even unknowingly** miss the mark.

Iniquity is a distortion of the truth.

Guile is the deceit of trying to cover oneself with justification.

The blessed are those who are changed, made new creations in Christ, and made complete. Justice is satisfied by the change made in the blessed.