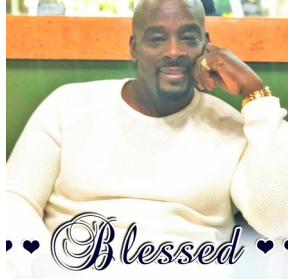


James Davis Educational/Library Memorial Fund ▪ Nineteenth Year

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THE PRAISE AND WORSHIP, C.D.G.I.C. Commemorates:

March 4th, Our Pastor, Eugene Collins, III's "BIRTHDAY!"



March 3rd. HAPPY HEAVENLY BIRTHDAY To Emeritus

Past First Lady **Betty Jean Litton!**



"WHERE GOD GUIDES, GOD WILL PROVIDE!"

Financial Support is Urgently Needed!

HAPPY SPRING! Daylight Saving time start March 13th.

THE DOOR POST SCRIPTURE:

"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf." ([Hebrews 6:19-20 NIV](#)).

"THE MOTTO: "FAITH IT, 'TIL WE MAKE IT!"

What is justification?

Simply put, to justify is to declare righteous, to make one right with God. Justification is God's declaring those who receive Christ to be righteous, based on Christ's righteousness being imputed to the accounts of those who receive Christ.

THE DOOR POST James Davis EML Newsletter ▪ Fifth Year

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For the months in **2022**, James Davis E.M.L. DOOR POST Newsletters, will look deeply into "HOLINESS!" That being said, March's J.D.E.M.L. DOOR POST discusses "**JUSTIFICATION!**"

GOD COMMANDS IT: As we live on earth, we are both saints and sinners. Although this seems complicated for some saved people to understand, it's the status of "simul justus et peccator." This said simply is: we are "justified sinners." [[C Job. 1:1, Ps. 119:9 KJV](#)]. "[\[C Deut. 25:1 NKJV\]](#)."

JUSTIFIED BY GOD: Yes, Saints we are justified by God in light of the finished work of Jesus Christ, yet we by ourselves are not fully just or righteous; we still sin.

[[C Exod. 23:7](#)] [[C Prov. 17:15](#)] ; [[C Isa. 5:22-23 HCSB](#)].

JUSTIFICATION: can only happen because of double imputation. In other words, Jesus died a penal substitutionary atonement, paying the penalty for our sins while at the same time crediting us with the righteousness from his perfect active obedience. We can now walk in newness of life because our sin selves are buried with Christ by baptism into death and raised with the resurrected Christ. [[C Lev. 20:26; Rom. 4](#)].

We are saints, not distinguished in our personal holiness, but like all other saints, holy in Christ. In the already and not yet paradigm, not only are we holy but we are also **being made holy**. This ongoing setting apart and moral reformation is what we call "Sanctification."

APOSTOLIC UNDERSTANDING: Scripture Provides the clearest background of the apostles' understanding. They were convinced that the truth of justification by faith as a free and divine act of God based solely upon the exercise of faith. Nothing more was not only consistent with the divine revelation of the Old Testament, but they specifically drew from those Scriptures as positive witness to their teaching.

DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION: Comes out in Paul's writings. He focused especially upon the key passage regarding Abraham, "Abram believed the LORD, and He credited it to him as righteousness"[\[C Gen. 15-6\]](#). Justification doesn't mean to subjectively change into a righteous person but to "**declare righteous,**" upon the act of faith based on the works of another's, **Jesus Christ!**

MARCH 2022

Deacon Aaron Waffer • Librarian
Library Hours: By Appointment Only.
NEW Article Deadline: 3rd Sundays.



"HOLINESS!"

Pastor Eugene Collins, III

"JUSTIFICATION!"

PURCHASED FREEDOM: Sin is spiritual captivity. God purchased back our freedom from the penalty demanded by justice. In Him we have redemption [C Ephesians 1:7]. Many continue to be captives of the devil.

* **JUSTIFICATION:** is courtroom imagery. The prosecution and the defense each, present their case. A judge and jury make a declaration. Guilty of charges or declared to be in right standing with the law: righteous. Justified.

* **JUSTIFICATION:** is separated from the concepts of sanctification. Justified sinners are declared righteous by God's grace through faith.

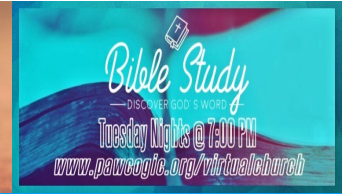
* **SANCTIFICATION:** is one striving to become righteous by grace through faith.

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JUSTIFICATION! "THE DOOR POST" FEATURE ARTICLE

"JUSTIFICATION!" By Miss'y. Vicki C. Davis Napper •

JUSTIFICATION: The theological definition of justification is the act of declaring or making righteous in the sight of God.

SELF-JUSTIFICATION: happens when a person's behavior is inconsistent with their beliefs. In other words it's **hypocrisy**; that person tends to justify the behavior and deny/resent any constructive feedback associated with their behavior. Self-justification is particularly **harmful** when it's practice by persons in leadership positions, because of it's effect on others.

AS FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST: we are justified by **faith** not by **works**. "Yet we know that a

person is not justified by works, of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified"(Galatians 2:16).

SO WHAT DO WE BELIEVE: or have faith in? Jesus was delivered up on the cross for our trespasses and raised from the dead for our **justification** (C Romans 4:25). Our faith is the thing that rest upon and unites us to the Christ who was sacrificed for our sins and raised from the dead for our justification. As we willing act on our faith, the **fruit of love and good works** that glorify God, will follow.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE:

MARCH Birthdays:

Brother Kevin Harris 3/2

Emeritus First Lady Betty Litton 3/3 (RIP).

Pastor Eugene Collins, III 3/4.

MARCH:

ANNIVERSARIES:

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ALL WHO UNITED IN MARRIAGE IN THE MONTH OF MARCH!

YOUR SAFETY IS OUR GOAL. Please continue wearing masks!



THINK IMAGE: **JUSTIFICATION!** Extends God's Full Acceptance. "We have now been justified by His blood" [C Romans 5:9].

JUSTIFIED and OWING! The reason why those of us who are united to Jesus by faith are justified as owing, in part, to His sacrificial and substitutionary death. Jesus willingly shed His own blood, not for His own sin — He had none — but for ours.

JOIN WITH JESUS BY FAITH: means our sins are covered by the spilling of His blood, so we are no longer judged guilty, and His perfect obedience is counted as our own, so **we** are now declared righteous. Without His blood, our unrighteousness would remain **unaddressed**. With it, we can stand and receive with Jesus His Father's declaration, "Righteous."

PONDER THIS IMAGE: If there are **things** that we continually try to justify by our own self-made wills, pause, pray, remember we are righteous because of Christ alone, then can we rest in His **justifying work**.