

# Justified in the Spirit

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"These things I write unto you, hoping to come unto you shortly; but if I tarry long, so that you may know how you ought to behave yourself in the House of God, which is the Church of the Living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. And by-confession, great is the Mystery of Godliness: God, Who was Revealed in the Flesh, **Justified in the Spirit**, seen by angels, proclaimed in the nations, believed in the world, taken up in glory." (1 Timothy 3:14-16)

**Justified:** a verb; from the greek word **edikaiothe** which means: was -ustified, was-vindicated, was-shown to be righteous; **from dikaioo:** to show to be righteous, declare righteous; make righteous, defend the cause of, plead for the righteousness (innocence) of, acquit, vindicate, justify; hence: to regard as righteous. (from **dike**, "right"). Properly, approved, especially in a legal, authoritative sense; to show what is right, (i.e. "upright").

**Justified:** declared righteous in the sight of God. To show or prove (someone) to be upright, just, and righteous in actions and deeds.

**Vindicated:** declared to clear and innocent of blame or suspicion; to show or prove (someone) to be right, righteous, or justified, in actions and deeds.

**Spirit:** from the greek word **pneumati** which means: (the) Spirit; from **pneuma** which means: spirit, wind, or breath. The most frequent meaning (translation) of **pneúma** in the NT is "spirit, or Spirit". Only the context, however, determines which sense is meant. But when the word "holy" is used, it always refers to the Holy Spirit. Also refers to the vital life principle (the spirit) by which the human body is animated.

**The Context:** "*revealed in the Flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed in the nations, believed in the world, taken up in glory*" is somewhat of **a progression of events** beginning with the incarnation of Jesus as a human being, and currently, since being taken up in Glory, where He is now seated at the Right Hand of the Father in heaven's Throne Room!

**Justified in the Spirit:** In context, the action here of justification is not that of being made righteous through the forgiveness of sin, for Christ Jesus was sinless - always existing and forever being without sin! The Justification of Christ Jesus **in the Spirit** has different meaning; a meaning that proves, and Justifies and vindicates the Divine Spiritual Nature of Jesus the Son of God revealed in the flesh, the Son of Man; especially in regards to His ministry years on earth! In context I believe the word 'Spirit' simply refers to the anointed Oneness of Christ's Spirit with the Father's Spirit, of whom we call the Holy Spirit – these Three-in-One - speaking of One God! This was not a with the Holy Spirit relationship, or an along-side the Holy Spirit relationship, or even a by the Holy Spirit relationship; rather it is an '**in**' the Holy Spirit relationship - a Divine Oneness-of-Spirit-Relationship. It is this '**Relationship**' of Christ Jesus that 'Justifies' and "Vindicates" all of **Who** Jesus is; and all that Jesus did, said, and accomplished for human-kind, especially in the face of opposition and rejection!

Consider these two passages:

## **Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit:**

"... And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for you hast found favor with God. And, behold, **you shall conceive in your womb**, and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name **Jesus**. He shall be Great, and shall be called the **Son of the Highest**; and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David. And He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His Kingdom there shall be no end.' Then Mary said unto the angel, 'How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?' And the angel answered and said unto her, The **Holy Spirit** shall come upon you, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow you; therefore also that **Holy One** who shall be born of you shall be called **the Son of God** ..." (see Luke 1:26-36)

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## Jesus was publicly confirmed to John the Baptist:

"The next day John saw Jesus coming unto him, and said, 'Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me:' for He existed before me; And I did not know (or recognize) Him. But so that He should be made manifest to Israel, therefore I have come baptizing with water.' And John bore record, saying, 'I saw **the Spirit descending from heaven** like a dove, and it abode upon Him; and I did not know Him. But He (the Father) who sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, 'Upon **whom** you shalt see **the Spirit descending**, and remaining on Him, the same is **He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit** (God incarnate).' And I saw, and bore record that **He is the Son of God.**" (John 1:29-33)

The Justification of Jesus in the Spirit was also confirmed prophetically:

"And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And **the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him**, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; and shall make Him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD; and He shall not judge after the sight of His eyes, nor reprove after the hearing of his ears. But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth. And He shall smite the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. And **righteousness** shall be the girdle of His loins, and faithfulness the girdle of His reins." (Isaiah 11:1-5)

"And He (Jesus) came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up: and, as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. And there was delivered unto Him the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written, "***The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are bruised, and to preach the acceptable year of the Lord*** (see Isaiah 61:1-2)." And He closed the book, and He gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all those who were in the synagogue were fastened on Him. And He began to say unto them, 'This day this scripture is fulfilled in your ears.'" (Luke 4:16-21)

"Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against Him (Jesus), on how they might destroy Him. But when Jesus knew it, He withdrew Himself from there; and great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them all; and charged them that they should not make Him known; so that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, 'Behold **My Servant**, whom I have chosen; **My Beloved**, in whom My soul is well pleased: **I will put My Spirit upon Him**, and He shall show judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not strive, nor cry; nor shall any man hear His voice in the streets. A bruised reed shall He not break, and smoking flax shall He not quench, till He sends forth judgment unto victory. **And in His Name shall the Gentiles trust** (see Isaiah 42:1-4).'" (Matthew 12:14-21)

It is this '**Relationship**' of Christ Jesus that 'Justifies' and 'Vindicates' all that Jesus did, said, and accomplished for human-kind, especially in the face of opposition and rejection!

All the things that Jesus did, and said, and accomplished in the Spirit, in His Oneness-of-Spirit-Relationship with the Father and Holy Spirit, these things are the evidence that Justify and Vindicate His righteousness and innocence and equality with God while existing the form of human flesh - a man like us.

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Consider these passages:

“Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, and said unto Him, 'Are You He that should come, or do we look for another?' Jesus answered and said unto them, 'Go and show John again those things which you do hear and see, 'The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.'” (Matthew 11:2-5)

“Then there arose a question between some of John's disciples and the Jews about purifying. And they came unto John, and said unto him, 'Rabbi, He (speaking of Jesus) who was with you beyond Jordan, to whom thou bore witness, behold, the same baptizes, and all men come to Him.' John answered and said, 'A man can receive nothing, except it is given to him from heaven. You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before Him.' He who has the bride is the Bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears Him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice; this my joy therefore is fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease. **He (God revealed in the Flesh) who is from above is above all:** he who is of the earth is earthly, and speaks of the earth: **He (God revealed in the Flesh) who comes from heaven is above all.** And what He has seen and heard (from the Father), that He testifies; and no man receives His testimony. He who has received His testimony has set to His seal that God is true. For He whom God has sent speaks the Words of God; for God has not given the Spirit by measure unto Him (but rather in full measure). The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand. He who believes on the Son has everlasting Life! And he who does not believe the Son shall not see Life; but the wrath of God abides on him.” (read John 3:25-36)

“There is another who bears witness of Me; and I know that the witness which he witnessed of Me is true. You sent unto John, and He bore witness unto the truth. But I receive not testimony from man; but these things I say, so that you might be saved. He (John the Baptist) was a burning and a shining light: and you were willing for a season to rejoice in his light. But I have greater witness than that of John; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me. And the Father Himself, who has sent Me, has borne witness of Me.” (see John 5:30-38)

“Then the Jews came round and about Him, and said unto Him, 'How long do You make us to doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered them, I told you, and you and you do not believed; the works that I do in My Father's Name, they bear witness of Me.” (John 10:24-25)30

## Jesus Was-Justified in the Spirit

**Every thing that Jesus said, did, and accomplished was by the Holy Spirit of God!  
Every thing that Jesus said, did, and accomplished in the Spirit proved  
and vindicated that Jesus was indeed God Revealed in the Flesh!**

**Every thing that Jesus said, did, and accomplished in the Spirit Justifies, and proves that  
Jesus was altogether the Righteous and Holy One sent from God as His anointed  
Redeemer, Savior, and the Christ-Messiah of God Most High!**

**Jesus, You are God Revealed in the Flesh!  
Jesus, You have been proclaimed in the nations, believed in the world,  
and taken up in Glory! All Praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit !!!  
Always and Always! ~ ~ ~ Amen and Amen!**