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DIKAIOSUNE

ΔΙΚΑΙΟΣΥΝΗ ΤΗΣ ΘΕΟΥ is always an abstract term that connotes two parts of God's integrity set against the background of all His attributes. Divine integrity is infinite, perfect, eternal, unchangeable and truly unfathomable apart from its revelation in Bible doctrine.

ΔΙΚΑΙΟΣΥΝΗ ΤΗΣ ΘΕΟΥ as a divine policy or principle involves God alone apart from man. But as a divine action it includes man. In this sense, **DIKAIOSUNE** is sometimes used as synonym for **ευσεβεία (ευσεβεία), α** term mistranslated by English as "godliness" and becomes a technical term for spiritual maturity. Spiritual maturity is the believer's maximum adjustment to the justice of God.

DIKAIOSUNE THEOU usage encompasses not just the spiritual mature but ALL believers are included in its legal sense. The term means justification: God is the expert and perfect Judge who has all the evidence and can pronounce only a fair and objective verdict.

When a person believes in Christ, God is free because of the cross to credit to that person His own righteousness-the very principle of divine integrity. Immediately from the bench of the supreme court of heaven: God recognizes this new piece of evidence in the case. Because the believer now possesses God's perfect righteousness, God pronounces him **φωτισιφεδ ανδ ριητεουσ**

This is the essence of salvation- the reality of our justification before God. This is the story of grace. Grace means that God does all the work and receives all the glory:

- A. At salvation we are justified as possessing His righteousness
- B. At spiritual growth we are justified by acknowledging the effects of possessing that righteousness by rebound –believing that we are completely justified.
- C. At spiritual maturity we are vindicated as having in our souls Bible doctrine, the thinking and verbalization of His integrity.

Now we see, our human righteousness and personal achievements (of all kinds) have nothing whatever to do with our justification before God. We are justified by His grace not by our effort or merits but by the merits of the Lord Jesus Christ.

God can bless the spiritually dead, totally depraved citizens of the kingdom of Satan without destroying His own perfection since salvation is the 100% work of divine justice and righteousness. Man has nothing to add and there is nothing to subtract to God's perfect work of redemption.

Salvation means that God treats us in justice. God did not lower His integrity or perfect standard of righteousness to save us. Divine perfection and holiness is intact. When God sent His Son, as a Man- He did not lower His perfect standard, He was simply expressing His perfection.

The unbending strength of every facet of His absolute essence is fully behind everything He thinks or does toward us. God never makes exceptions. He does not act on emotion. He never feels sorry for the poor-lost sheep, or overcome by sentimentality. He never accomplishes or does anything on impulses. God works are never tentative or shortsighted, and His plan never needs revision or editing or correction.

DIKAIOSUNE THEOU guarantees that not even God himself can undo the things He did or change His work. There is no loophole that needs to be closed because loopholes exist. His work is complete perfect and free from any error. This is our security, our comfort, and blessing.

Perfect plan and work of salvation can come only from the ONLY PERFECT GOD of the Bible. Any imperfection is denial of deity.