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Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. **—Romans 5:1-2**

There is no way anyone will understand justification by grace appropriated only through faith without looking at it from God's perspective. When we see the holiness of God on one hand and the depth of mankind's sin on the other, a lot of things come into a new light. Justification by faith alone makes sense only when you realize that no amount of human effort could bridge that immeasurable gap. No amount of consecration or sanctification could earn the right to the gifts of the Spirit any more than indulgences could gain forgiveness or Simon's money could purchase God's power. Gifts of the Spirit are given based on the grace of God, not on the maturity, wisdom, and character of the vessel.

{ PRAYER STARTER }

Father, there is a great gulf that stands between Your perfect holiness and the sinful, hopeless condition of mankind. Nothing but a simple faith in You can bridge that gulf and cause Your forgiveness and mercy to flood over my soul.

**God's solution on the cross makes sense
when you realize that the human effort
equation is hopelessly flawed.**