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So the indictments are screamed thru the galaxy:

-Failed, sinning people cannot be made righteous again

-A righteous judge must condemn sin, not justify it.

-You can't free sinners by a wave of the hand. They will always be trapped in their nature to sin.

-God lacks integrity if he just ignores the damage and injury caused by sin.



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RIGHTEOUSNESS

To be fully upright, just, and perfectly fair in judgement.

The combined perfections of God's character that vindicate His judgements and display Him to be trustworthy and true.



IMPUTED RIGHTEOUSNESS

A legal term that carries the theological weight of being counted, ascribed, reckoned and conferred as righteous.

The declaration of all the benefits of God's perfect character credited and deposited to my account.



IMPARTED RIGHTEOUSNESS

The merging of God's righteousness
into our very being. I am now
not only declared righteous,
I actually am righteous. Our
entire DNA has been reconstituted.

It is from this wholly transformed person
that we mature into the expression
of righteousness.

We get to grow into who we already are.



JUSTIFICATION

The opposite of condemnation.

More than forgiveness and
relationally so much more than pardon.

A legal term that bestows a righteous status.

A just freedom from punishment and
full benefits of favor, access, and
intimate fellowship with God.



REDEMPTION

Purchasing for the purpose of setting free.
A commercial term, denoting our slavery and
bondage to sin, recognizing our guilt and total
inability to liberate ourselves. Jesus bought us
out of the captivity of sin, shedding
His blood as the ransom price.

We now belong to Him, for the purpose
of experiencing our freedom. This redemption
is once and for all but presently applied to
experience freedom from guilt
in our daily lives.



PROPITIATION

The act of satisfying the one who has been wronged and repairing what has been broken.

Sin carries injury and a need for reimbursement that forgiveness alone cannot restore. Our sin has injured God and true justice demands that sin must be punished.

In an act of breathtaking love, wisdom and integrity, God placates His own objective wrath against sin by choosing to take our place and suffer the full cost of justice. In Christ's death, God's justice was satisfied.

The payment God demanded has been made:
God paid Himself off, so He need no longer hold us to blame.



He appeased His own wrath by letting that
wrath fall onto His own Son.