Five Passages Cited by OJ Proponents

1. Romans 3:21-26 and particularly verses 22b-24:

NKJV "For there is no difference; ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴being <u>justified freely</u> by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus...."

NIV There is no difference, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

OJ Proponents:

Forrest Bivens, WELS seminary professor: "Romans 3:23, 24 and Romans 5:18,19 affirm that all are sinners and all are justified. Through Adam all are condemned, and through Christ all are justified. The astonishing reality is that God has forgiven the sins of the whole world, whether people believe it or not." http://www.wels.net/news-events/forward-in-christ/october-2011/question-and-answer

Scriptural Interpretation:

"All have sinned(past tense verb)" in the past and thus all presently "fall short(present tense verb) of the glory of God." "Being justified" (present particle) cannot refer to a one-time justification of all men at some time in the past, but receives its time from the present tense verb, "fall short." The "all" is limited by the phrases which follow in v.24-26, "freely," "by His grace," "through the redemption," "through faith," and "in His Blood." Thus there is difference all who are (presently being) justified receive it freely, by grace, through faith in the redemption and in His Blood."

AC, IV: Of Justification. 1] Also they teach that men cannot be justified before God by their own strength, merits, or works, but are freely justified for **2]** Christ's sake, through faith, when they believe that they are received into favor, and that their sins are forgiven for Christ's sake, who, by His death, has made satisfaction for our sins. **3]** This faith God imputes for righteousness in His sight. Rom. 3 and 4.

Formula of Concord SD V. 22] Therefore every penitent sinner ought to believe, that is, place his confidence in the Lord Christ alone, that He was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification, Rom. 4, 25, that He was made sin for us who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him, 2 Cor. 5, 21, who of God is made unto us Wisdom, and Righteousness, and Sanctification, and Redemption, 1 Cor. 1, 30, whose obedience is counted to us for righteousness before God's strict tribunal, so that the Law, as above set forth, is a ministration that kills through the letter and preaches condemnation, 2 Cor. 3, 7, but the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth, Rom. 1, 16, that preaches righteousness and gives the Spirit, 1 Cor. 1, 18; Gal. 3, 2.

Rom 3:21-26

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that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in bours.

2. Romans 4:3-9 and particularly verse 5

NKJV "But to him who does not work but <u>believes on Him who justifies the ungodly</u>, his faith is accounted for righteousness...."

OJ Proponents:

Rolf Preus: Romans 4:5 teaches objective justification. The God who justifies the ungodly (the Greek word is never used to refer to believers, but always and only to unbelievers) is the God who has justified everyone. This is the God in whom Abraham believed and was thus, subjectively, justified," http://www.christforus.org/ObjectiveJustificationforWebsiteMarch2012.htm.

Scriptural Interpretation:

God justifies/declares righteous those who are not righteous of themselves according to the law. The means which He uses is the Word and faith. Those who are "ungodly" by nature are counted as righteous on account of faith in Christ's righteousness. Romans 4:5 does not describe a justification of all people, but the normal way that God saves believers in Christ—He justifies them through faith.

3. Romans 4:22-5:1 and particularly verse 25

NKJV "...who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification."

OJ Proponents:

Christ was raised because all men had been justified.

"In Romans 4:25 we are informed that Christ "was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification." The resurrection of Christ two thousand years ago demonstrated the grand truth that our justification, or pardon, was already a reality."

Forrest Bivens. http://www.wels.net/news-events/forward-in-christ/october-2011/question-and-answer

Scriptural Interpretation:

Christ was raised from the dead for the sake of justifying us through faith. Christ's resurrection is a "cause" of our justification through faith. As Pr. Rydecki points out, "The justifying of us is indisputably identified by the apostle as a "cause" of Christ's resurrection (note: not the other way around)" (The Doctrine of Justification in St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans: By Works or by Faith (*Tertium Non Datur*), Paul Rydecki, p.27) The "our" is none other than "us to whom it would be counted, to us who believe" (v.24).

Romans 4:3-9

"Abraham believed God,
and it was credited to him for righteousness,
Gen 15:6

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forgiven,
and whose sins are covered;

Blessed is the man to whom the Lord shall not impute sin. " 1232:1-2

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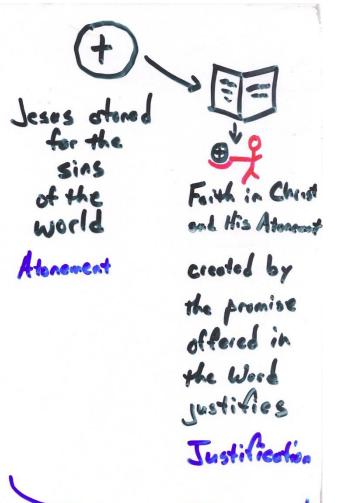
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