

## A COMPARISON BETWEEN PARDON AND JUSTIFICATION

PARDON	JUSTIFICATION
the <u>model</u> is that of a governor voluntarily exercising his power to grant a pardon	the <u>model</u> is that of a judge executing his responsibility to administer justice
the <u>pardon</u> is based on pity or leniency or sympathy or some similar standard	the <u>declaration of righteousness</u> is based on the grace of God and the atoning work of Christ
the <u>guilt</u> of the transgressor remains	the <u>guilt</u> of the transgressor is removed via its imputation to and expiation by Christ, and a declaration of "righteous" substituted
the <u>penalty</u> is not executed at all, but simply set aside; thus justice is not satisfied	the <u>penalty</u> is executed vicariously on Christ instead of on the transgressor; thus justice is fully satisfied