

# Romans 3:21-31 – By Faith In Christ, All Can Be Made Righteous

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## I. OVERVIEW OF ROMANS

1. Chapter 1: God's Power to Save; the Unrighteousness of the Gentiles.
2. Chapter 2: Indictment of the Jews.
3. Chapter 3: All Have Sinned, But by Faith in Christ All Can Be Righteous.
4. Chapter 4: Example of Abraham's Faith.

## II. DEFINITIONS

- A. **FORBEARANCE**: restraint; patience
- B. **JUSTICE**: righteousness; administration of what is right; proper
- C. **GRACE**: unmerited favor; mercy; compassion
- D. **PROPITIATION**: appeasing or conciliating; covering; atoning sacrifice
- E. **JUSTIFICATION**: God's accounting the guilty to be righteous and acceptable because of Christ's death.
- F. **REDEMPTION**: salvation accomplished by paying the price for sin.

## III. SOLVING THE PROBLEM OF SIN.

- A. GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS REVEALED - Rom. 3:21-23
  1. It was revealed apart from law, but witnessed by the Law and the prophets. – 1 Cor. 15:3-4; Isa. 53:11; Gen. 3:15
  2. God's way to make man righteous requires faith in Christ. – Rom. 3:22; Jn. 8:24, 20:30-31
  3. This is offered to everyone who believes, Jew or Gentile, because we all have sinned. - Rom. 3:22b-23
  4. This saving Faith is one of obedience. – Rom. 1:5, 16:26

B. GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS EXPLAINED – Rom.3:24-26

1. We are justified by grace through redemption in Christ – Rom. 3:24
  - a) *“being justified” – rendered free from guilt*
  - b) *“freely” – as a gift; you cannot earn it*
  - c) *“by His grace” – you don’t deserve it*
  - d) *“through the redemption” – one that rescues another*
  - e) *“in Christ Jesus” – not the Law, but in the Lord Christ*
2. Jesus' blood was offered by God as a propitiation through faith. – Rom. 3:25a; Deut. 32:4; Isa. 53:5-6; Eph. 1:7
3. The blood of Christ flowed backward & forward. – Heb. 10:1-4; Acts 13:38-39
4. God is both The Just and Justifier. – Rom. 5:1

C. IMPLICATIONS OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS - Rom. 3:27-31

1. Boasting on man's part is excluded – Rom. 3:27a
2. Justification is based on faith, not deeds of law. – Rom. 3:27b-28; Rom. 3:20
3. God is the God of Jews and Gentiles, for He justifies both by faith. – Rom. 3:29-30
4. This does not void the need for law, but rather meets the requirements of law. - Rom. 3:31; Gal. 3:19, 3:24-25