

Series "How Great A Salvation"
"Miracle Of Righteousness"
Romans 3:21-31
Study-10

1 Corinthians 1:21

"How Great A Salvation" – Man's Need and God's Solution!

Romans 1:18-3:20 – The Righteous Man: Condemnation Of The World, Romans 3:19.

Romans 3:21 – Romans 11 – By Faith: Faced with Bad News, God Now Presents The Good News of Justification Through Faith!

Thought Of Our Passage: "God Has Miraculously Provided His Righteousness Apart From Law Through Faith In His Redemption."

- 1. Verse 21 – Righteousness Apart From Law**
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1. Verse 21 – Righteousness Apart From Law:

Romans 3:21 – "But" – is a key word which always introduces a new thought, usually in marked contrast; marks a great transition. Paul is "Contrasting The State Of Man's Condemnation To That Of Man's Justification."

"But now apart from" – Literally, "absolutely apart from" the Law.

"righteousness" – 40X in Romans, "in the right;" wickedness – "in the wrong;" Literally, "a God-kind of righteousness, God-righteousness," holy, just, innocent, perfect, rightness."

"righteousness of God has been manifested," – "to bring out in the open, now lies open to view, implies a previous hiding," Titus 2:11.

"being witnessed by the Law" – The Blood Sacrifices – Was proof that man could not do it by his own self.

"and the Prophets," – All the prophets testified of the holiness and righteousness of the Lord, Isaiah 45:23-24; Isaiah 53:5; Luke 24:27, 44.

The Righteous Life of Jesus – 2 Corinthians 5:21.

2. Verses 22-23 – Righteousness By Faith:

Romans 3:22

Faith In Jesus Christ Results In Receiving God's Righteousness: "even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ" – Not faith in God but faith in God's Son Jesus Christ. The defined object of faith – Jesus!

To Be Wrong About Jesus Is To Be Wrong About God.

"for all" – It is available for every person. There is no distinction. All are equally lost!

"those who believe;" – This is the standard by which a man can be accepted, justified by God and made right, Philippians 3:9.

There is no exception, no not one! Paul has to keep saying this, through using phrases like, "no man," "no one," "not even one."

Romans 3:23 – Note what Paul just said, Romans 3:22.

"for all have sinned" – speaks of past. Every person without exception has sinned; From Adam to the present. No defense for sin but silent, Romans 3:19.

"sinned" – The idea of sin is missing the mark. It is used of an archer that is attempting to hit the bull's eye and gets it on the target, but misses.

"and fall short of the glory of God," – Literally, "and are continuously coming short of the glory of God." The result of sin is being short of His glory.

1 John 1:10

3. Verses 24-31 – Righteousness By Christ's Work:

Romans 3:24 – "justified" – 50X; "to pronounce a man righteous, treat as righteous – just as if I never sinned." Not made or through a process but pronounced – "being justified" – is man's state in Christ, condemnation, man's state out of Christ. Condemnation is universal but justification is not. While all men are sinners, not all men are forgiven!

"being justified" – Is greater than being pardoned; a thousand times better than forgiveness. We can sin against a person and ask forgiveness, but the offense has still been committed. That will never change! "Justified" is as if it never happened!

“as a gift” – Literally, “without a cause, freely, or for nothing.”

“by His grace” – He says that we had not merited, but a gift from God is given!

“grace” – 24X in Romans; 100X in letters; “unmerited, undeserved favor of God.” God’s Riches At Christ’s Expense!

“redemption” – “ransom payment, it is the necessary price in order to be set free from slavery;” Set free and never to return to slavery!

Romans 3:25 – “whom God displayed publicly” – “Note, God the Father displayed His Son Jesus who suffered publicly as a spectacle;” as a propitiation; “to amend, atone by sacrifice, a prescribed offering.”

The place where God manifested His presence: Exodus 25:22.

The place that blood was applied once a year on the Day of Atonement, Leviticus 16:13.

Blood was sprinkled 7 times in order to turn away the wrath of God on Israel, Leviticus 16:14

“in His blood through faith.” – “faith is not in the blood, but Him who shed His blood;” Faith in Jesus, the righteous sacrifice.

Propitiation Is Jesus Christ – The Mercy Seat. Jesus must be slain; His blood be shed. There must be faith in Him.

This was to demonstrate His righteousness. We say Christ died to declare His great love (true), but it was to demonstrate His righteousness!

“because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed;” – “suspension of punishment; God did not exercise the full measure of His wrath on guilty persons,” Acts 14:16; 17:30.

Romans 3:26 – “for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time,” – The cross demonstrates God’s hatred towards sin.

“so that He would be just” – How could God prove that He is just?

“and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.” – Jesus took our wrath for our sin on Himself; “to amend, atone by sacrifice.”

Romans 3:27

Verses 27-31 – Paul Asks 4 Questions To Which Paul Then Answers:

Question #1 – “Where then is boasting?” – Since this is a free gift that is given freely by Jesus Christ, can we boast? NO! It is excluded. Literally, “it is shut out!”

Gospel Method Of Justification Excludes Boasting And Glorifies God: Salvation should bring humility, not boasting!

Question #2 – “By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith.”

“faith” – 64X; “confidence in God and His Word, assurance of what He promised to do He will do it, reliance upon God’s known character.”

Romans 3:28-29

Question #3 – “Or is God the God of Jews only?”

The Gospel Method Of Justification Destroys Human Prejudice.

Romans 3:30-31

Question #4 – “Do we then nullify the Law through faith?” – Gospel Method Of Justification Establishes The True Purpose Of The Law Which Glorifies God: “On the contrary, we establish the Law.”

Application:

1. Righteousness Apart From Law – Both The Law And The Prophets Reveal Through The Gospel That Jesus Is The Righteousness Of God.
2. Righteousness By Faith – Righteousness Of God Can Only Be Experienced Through Faith In Jesus Christ, The Son of God.
3. Righteousness By Christ’s Work – The Cross Is God’s Miracle By Which Jesus Could Remain Just And Righteous And At The Same Time, The Perfect Sacrifice By Which Sinful Man Could Be Made Righteous.