

The Message of Romans

I am part of God's saved family through faith in His grace. And I'm going to live like it!

God Justifies the Guilty

Romans 3:21-26



We Are Guilty *Romans 3:23*

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*Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all **to the glory of God.** (1 Corinthians 10:31)*



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*For **the wrath of God** is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness. (Romans 1:18)*



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*There will be tribulation and distress for every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek, but glory and honor and peace to everyone who does good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. **For there is no partiality with God.** (Romans 2:9-11)*

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- This is all of us! (Romans 3:9-20)



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*But wishing to **justify himself**, he said to Jesus,
“And who is my neighbor?” (Luke 10:29)*





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- God justifies impartially (Romans 3:22)
- God justifies by grace (Romans 3:24)

How can God pronounce the guilty innocent and still be a righteous judge?



How God Justifies *Romans 3:24-25*

- Redemption – the cost of releasing a prisoner or slave

*...knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver and gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, **the blood of Christ**. (1 Peter 1:18-19)*



How God Justifies *Romans 3:24-25*

- Redemption – the cost of releasing a prisoner or slave

*In Him we have **redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses**, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished on us.
(Ephesians 1:7-8)*



How God Justifies *Romans 3:24-25*

- Redemption – the cost of releasing a prisoner or slave
- Propitiation – the cost of repairing a damaged relationship
 - *Blood required (Leviticus 16-17)*

*...whom God displayed publicly **as a propitiation**
in His blood through faith. (Romans 3:25)*



Why God Justifies *Romans 3:25-26*

- God's righteousness (v. 21, 22, 25, 26, 1:17)
- He is JUST because He condemned sin

*For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, **He condemned sin in the flesh**... (Romans 8:3)*



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- He is the JUSIFIER because He saved sinners

*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, **Christ died for us.***
(Romans 5:8)



But He was pierced through for our transgressions,
He was crushed for our iniquities;
The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him,
And by His scourging we are healed.
All of us like sheep have gone astray,
Each of us has turned to his own way;
But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all
To fall on Him.

Isaiah 53:5-6



And He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

...

He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

2 Corinthians 5:15, 21



And He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

1 Peter 2:24



And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood...

Revelation 1:5



Practical Connections

- We serve God out of gratitude for His great mercy

*Therefore I urge you, brethren, **by the mercies of God**,
to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice,
acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of
worship. (Romans 12:1)*



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- We serve God out of gratitude for His great mercy
- We bear the weaknesses of our brethren as He bore ours

*Now we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of those without strength and not just please ourselves. Each of us is to please His neighbor, for his good, to his edification. **For even Christ did not please Himself**; but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me.” (Romans 15:1-3)*



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