





ROMANS: A FIRM FOUNDATION

Hope for the Hopeless
Romans 3:21-31




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forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished — ²⁶ he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

²⁷ Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. On what principle? On that of observing the law? No, but on that of faith. ²⁸ For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law. ²⁹ Is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles too? Yes, of Gentiles too, ³⁰ since there is only one God, who will justify the circumcised by faith and the



uncircumcised through that same faith. ³¹ Do we, then, nullify the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law.

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KEY TERMS

- Sin =
To fall short of the mark
- Justice =
An absolute standard

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- Atonement =
 - A religious term: To appease a god.
 - Expiation:
 - Satisfying the demands of justice.
 - Propitiation:
 - To gain favor and goodwill.

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- Atonement =
A religious term: To appease a god.
- Justification =
A legal term: To make right.
- Redemption
A slavery term: To buy back.

THE ONLY CURE

- Faith (42x)

= believing enough to act

Surrendering your will to the will of the Father

Giving up our excuses and declaring our bankrupt status before God



THE ONLY CURE

- Faith in what?

That Jesus atoned for my sin

That Jesus justified me despite my sin

That Jesus redeemed me from my sin

IS THIS A ONE AND DONE PROPOSITION

- The need for forgiveness is experienced on a moment by moment basis:

⁸ If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives. 1 John 1:8–10



SO...

- 1) What about boasting?
- 2) Is this good news only for the Jews?
- 3) Do we do away with the law when we respond in faith?



TO GO:

- Do you know Jesus?
- What impact has his grace and mercy had on your life?
- How do you say thanks for all that he has done for you?
- Homework: Romans 4 – 3x