

“Your Greatest Problem—and God’s Solution to it”

Romans 3:21-31

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The “good news” is not good if you don’t first realize you have a problem.

Your greatest problem is that you have broken God’s law and justly stand condemned to death and the eternal wrath of God.

God’s solution to your sin problem is received by faith alone, through grace alone, in Christ alone, to the glory of God alone.

1) By Faith Alone (vv. 21–22)

A) God’s righteousness is required.

Righteousness of God: Absolute divine perfection

B) God’s righteousness is imputed by faith.

2) Through Grace Alone (vv. 22b–24a)

Grace: God’s blessings through Christ to people who deserve His curse. – Jerry Bridges

3) In Christ Alone (vv. 24b–26)

Redemption: Deliverance by payment of a price [that price is called ‘ransom’]

Propitiation: 2-part word describing ‘Man’s guilt removed’ AND ‘God’s wrath satisfied’

“It is not our contrition or sorrow for our sin, it is not our repentance, it is not even the passing of a certain number of hours during which

we feel we are on some kind of probation that cleanses us. It is the blood of Christ, shed once for all on Calvary two thousand years ago but appropriated daily or even many times a day, that cleanses our consciences and gives us a renewed sense of peace with God.” –Jerry Bridges

2 Corinthians 5:21 ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

4) To the Glory of God Alone (vv. 27–31)

“What you boast in is what gives you confidence to go out and face the day. It is the thing of which you say: *I am a somebody because I have that. I can beat what comes against me today because I am this.* What you boast in is what fundamentally defines you; it is where you draw your identity and self-worth from.” – Timothy Keller