

**Sermon Title:** Believe

**Sermon Series:** The Way

**Scripture:** Romans 3:21-26

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**The Gospel: Christ died for our sins, rose from the dead, and we must embrace it.**

**Follow**

**Jesus calls people to believe, but before he invited them to embrace and trust him, he almost always invited them to follow first.**

**Believe**

**John 6:28 ESV**

28 Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?"

**John 6:29a ESV**

29 Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God..."

**John 6:29 ESV**

29 Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."

**John 6:66 ESV**

66 After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him.

**They loved all the benefits of Jesus, but they didn't embrace him.**

**John 6:67 ESV**

67 So Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?"

**John 6:68 ESV**

68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life,

**John 6:68-69 ESV**

68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life,  
69 and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

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**Romans 3:21-26 ESV**

**Bible Words Defined:**

**Righteousness — a right standing with God**

**Justified — to be declared**

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**Romans 3:21 ESV**

21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—

**Romans 3:22 ESV**

22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction:

**Romans 3:23 ESV**

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

**Romans 3:24 ESV**

24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

**Grace — God giving us what we don't \_\_\_\_\_**

**Romans 3:25 ESV**

25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

**Romans 3:26 ESV**

26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

**Just — what is morally \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_**

**Romans 3:26 ESV**

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**When did you trust Jesus?**

**Who are you trusting in?**

**Why not trust Jesus?**

**Romans 10:9-10 ESV**

9 because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

**Romans 10:13 ESV**

13 For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”