Sermon: Freely Justified

Romans 3:21-28

21 But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. 22 This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and all are *justified freely* by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. 25 God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance He had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—26 He did it to demonstrate his righteousness 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. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. 28 For we maintain that a ~~person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.~~

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Romans 14:12 So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

"Here's the problem with justifying my existence. It's very hard. Not because I'm a really bad person, but because I could be, and I know I should be, far better than I am!" – unknown

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2 Cor 5:21

21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

"Such we are in the sight of God the Father, as the very Son of God Himself. Let it be counted folly, or frenzy, or fury, whatsoever, it is our comfort and our wisdom; we care for no knowledge in the world but this, that man hath sinned and God hath suffered, that God has made Himself the son of man, and that men are made the righteousness of God." – Richard Hooker

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Romans 3:27 Where, then, is boasting?_____