

**Give me an example of you receiving
some sort of benefit/reward/gift and
you did not
do anything to earn it.**

Romans 3

²¹ But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. ²² We are made right with God by **placing our faith in Jesus Christ**. And this is **true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are**. ²³ For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. ²⁴ Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this **through Christ Jesus** when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. ²⁵ For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. **People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life**, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past,

Romans 3

²⁶ for he was looking ahead and including them in what He would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is fair and just, and **He makes sinners right in his sight when they believe in Jesus.** ²⁷ Can we boast, then, that we have

done anything to be accepted by God? No, because our acquittal is not based on obeying the law. It is based on faith.

²⁸ So we are made right with God through faith and not by obeying the law.

²⁹ After all, is God the God of the Jews only? Isn't he also the God of the Gentiles? Of course he is. ³⁰ There is only one God, and he makes people right with himself only by faith, whether they are Jews or Gentiles.

Ephesians 2

⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

Not what we do, but what He did

Do vs. Done

1. Follow Him with freedom, not burden

Matthew 11

²⁸ Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.”

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- 1. Follow Him with freedom, not burden**
- 2. Get rid of the moral contest**

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**Do we just leave it and
take advantage of this Grace?**

It demands a response

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Work/good deeds don't save us, but our works show that we are saved

We should have a response

³⁴ “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

**Praying, going to church, our serving
does not earn God’s love, but they do
help us show that we love God**

We should have a response

A Balanced Perspective

**We are saved, declared righteous by
Faith.....**

**but we also respond by showing that
we have Faith**

A Balanced Perspective

Why is this such a Big Deal??

³² All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. ³³ With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all ³⁴ that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales ³⁵ and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

**This does not earn heaven, but it shows
we are headed there**

**We strive to bring heaven to earth
with our actions, not because we have
to or out of duty, but because we
want to and bring change**

If everyone cared and nobody cried

If everyone loved and nobody lied

And if everyone shared and swallowed their pride

A Balanced Perspective

Why is this such a Big Deal??

**Accepting God's love changes us,
showing that love changes the World**