

# God's Plan

Made Known  
Romans 3:21-31



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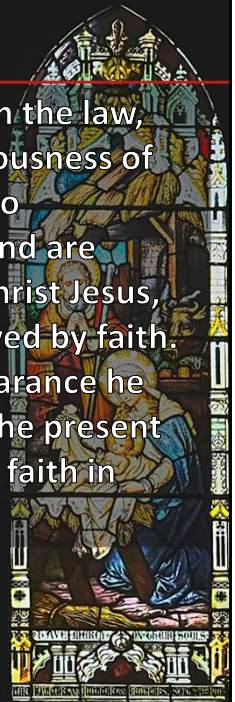
Everyone Is Broken, And  
No One Can Ever Fix Themselves.



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## Romans 3:21–31

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 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. 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.



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## Romans 3:21–31

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, since God is one—who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.



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## Righteousness

### The Problem

- All are under sin
- No one can claim righteousness apart from God's design
- The best of humanity will never achieve God's righteousness



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## Romans 3:9-18

<sup>9</sup> What then? Are we Jews <sup>l</sup> any better off? <sup>2</sup> No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both <sup>k</sup> Jews and <sup>l</sup> Greeks, are <sup>m</sup> under sin, <sup>10</sup> as it is written:

- <sup>n</sup> "None is righteous, no, not one;  
<sup>11</sup> no one understands;  
 no one seeks for God.  
<sup>12</sup> All have turned aside; together they have become worthless;  
 no one does good,  
 not even one."  
<sup>13</sup> <sup>o</sup> "Their throat is <sup>p</sup> an open grave;  
 they use their tongues to deceive."  
<sup>q</sup> "The venom of asps is under their lips."  
<sup>14</sup> <sup>r</sup> "Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness."  
<sup>15</sup> <sup>s</sup> "Their feet are swift to shed blood;  
<sup>16</sup> in their paths are ruin and misery,  
<sup>17</sup> and <sup>t</sup> the way of peace they have not known."  
<sup>18</sup> <sup>u</sup> "There is no fear of God before their eyes."



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## Righteousness

### The Problem

### True Accountability

- All accountable to God
- The law exposes sin
- Justification not found in obedience to the law



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## Righteousness

The Problem

True Accountability

But Now...

- Righteousness made known
- Evidence of coming righteousness through the Law
  - The sacrificial system
  - Demonstration of the holiness of God
- Through the Prophets
  - Foretelling of the life of Jesus



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## Righteousness

The Problem

True Accountability

But Now...

Through Faith

- In Jesus
- To all who believe
- No ethical advantages or disadvantages



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## Redemption

### Need For Redemption

- All means all
- Sin – going against the will of God
- No one is better off than anyone else



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## Redemption

### Need For Redemption

#### Justification

- From condemning sinfulness to made right with God
- Only through grace
  - No one can earn grace
  - Redemption comes through faith
- Paid forward – propitiation
  - Jesus is the sacrifice that satisfies the payment of sin
  - Removal of all guilt



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## Redemption

Need For Redemption

Justification

Paid Forward

- Predetermined satisfaction of sin before creation of humanity
- Looking forward through the Old Testament
- Fulfilled in the gospels
- Faith in the testimony through the church age



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## Redemption

Need For Redemption

Justification

Paid Forward

Paid In Full

- Through the sacrificial death of Jesus on the cross  
Ephesians 1:7-10



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## Ephesians 1:7–10

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth in him.



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## Redemption

Need For Redemption

Justification

Paid Forward

Paid In Full

Demonstration Of God's Righteousness

- God does not leave humanity helplessly lost
- God is just
- God is justifier
- Through faith in Jesus



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## Rewarded

### Not For Self Merit

- Not by actions to get to God
- Not through obedience of the law



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## Rewarded

### Not For Self Merit

### Law Of Faith

- Faith in Jesus drives following God's plan
- Sanctification – the ongoing continual process of looking more like Jesus and less like the world
- Demonstration of faith not for faith – James 1:22–25



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## James 1:22–25

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.



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## Rewarded

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Law Of Faith

For All

- The gospel of Jesus is not limited by ethnicity
- God is the God for all
- Jewish outward sign by faith – fulfillment of covenants
- Gentile sign through faith – demonstration of faith through worship



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## Rewarded

Not For Self Merit

Law Of Faith

For All

So... The Law?

- Reminder of the holiness and interaction with God
- Guidelines for living with others in human relationships
- Live to uphold the law... remember the law pointed to Jesus



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For God So Loves You...  
How Do You Respond?



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