

When In Romans

He Did It!

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Themes from Romans

- Week 1: The gospel is the power of God
- Week 2: We all need grace
- Week 3: God made a way

Romans 3:21-22

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. 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.***

Romans 3:23

For ***everyone has sinned***; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

We didn't just mess up—we MISSED the MARK

The standard is PERFECTION

Anything less is SEPARATION

Romans 3:20

No one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The *law* simply ***shows us how sinful we are***.

Romans 3:24-26

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***. God presented *Jesus* as the ***sacrifice for sin***... He ***makes sinners right*** in his sight when they ***believe in Jesus***.

Grace is FREE—but it's not CHEAP

Romans 4:3

For the Scriptures tell us, "Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith."

Faith isn't about DOING more—it's about all about TRUST

Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we ***have been made right*** in God's sight ***by faith***, ***we have peace*** with God ***because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us***. Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of ***undeserved privilege*** where we now stand.

We don't earn PEACE—we RECIEVE it

Romans 5:6-8

When ***we were utterly helpless***, Christ came at ***just the right time*** and died for us sinners... God showed his great love for us by ***sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners***.

God didn't wait for us to get it together—He MOVED FIRST

Romans 5:20-21

God's law was given so that ***all people could see how sinful they were***. But as people sinned more and more, God's wonderful ***grace became more abundant***. So just as sin ruled over all people and brought them to death, now ***God's wonderful grace rules*** instead, giving us right standing with God and resulting in ***eternal life***

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Sin runs DEEP - His Grace has NO LIMITS

What's it mean to be "Justified by Faith Alone"?

1. I can't EARN it
 2. God PAID for it
 3. FAITH is my response
 4. GRACE changes everything
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Talk about it

1. How does knowing we are justified by faith alone change the way we think about our mistakes or sins?
 2. Why do we try so hard to earn God's approval - even when we know we have received His grace?
 3. Read Romans 4:3 together. What do you think Abraham's story can teach us about faith?
 4. What are some modern ways we "add to the gospel" with rules or religious performance?
 5. Romans 5:1 says we now "have peace with God." Where in your life do you need to rest in that peace this week?
 6. How can understanding grace reshape the way you treat others —especially those who fall short?
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Going Deeper: Bible Study for the Week

Text: Romans 3:21–5:21 (Read these chapters completely this week!)

Key Word Studies:

- Justified (Greek: dikaioó) — to declare righteous
 - Faith (pistis) — trust, belief, firm persuasion
 - Grace (charis) — undeserved kindness or favor
 - Peace (eirēnē) — harmony, wholeness, restoration
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Cross References:

- Galatians 2:16 — a person is made right by faith in Jesus Christ, not by obeying the law.

- Ephesians 2:8-9 — It is by grace you have been saved through faith...
 - Genesis 15:6 — Abraham believed the Lord, and it was credited to him as righteousness.
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Reflection Questions:

1. What's the difference between "trying to be good" and "trusting in grace"?
 2. Have you ever struggled to believe that God truly sees you as righteous in Christ?
 3. In what ways does knowing you are justified by faith bring freedom?
 4. How can this truth shape your approach to evangelism and spiritual conversations?
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Memory Verse:

Romans 5:8 — But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

Prayer Focus:

Pray for boldness to live and speak the gospel. Ask God to reveal where He wants to shape your life more fully through faith.

REMEMBER:

The gospel is the GOOD NEWS of Jesus Christ... That he died on the cross for our sins and rose again on the 3rd day to defeat sin and death!

Read - Think - Pray - write down your thoughts... then do something -
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