



The Solution: Justified by Grace

Romans 3:21 - 5:21

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BIG IDEA: We are made right with God by GRACE through FAITH, not by works.

Understanding God's Solution

1. God makes sinners **RIGHTEOUS** through faith in Jesus *Romans 3:21-26*
 - Righteousness...
 - Is apart from **LEGALISM** (v. 21a) *Galatians 2:16; Ephesians 2:8-9*
 - Is built on **REVELATION** (v. 21b) *Genesis 3:15, 12:3; Isaiah 53:6; Luke 24:44*
 - Is acquired by **FAITH** (v. 22a) *James 2:19*
 - Is available for **ALL** (v.v. 22b-23)
 - Is freely given through **GRACE** (v. 24a)
 - Is accomplished by **REDEMPTION** (v. 24b) *1 Peter 1:18-19*
 - Was paid by an **ATONING SACRIFICE** (v. 25a)
2. Abraham proves salvation has always been by **FAITH** *Romans 4:1-25; Genesis 15:6*
3. Blessings flowing from **JUSTIFICATION** *Romans 5:1-11*
 - Those who have surrendered to Jesus Christ...
 - Have **PEACE** with God (v. 1) *Colossians 1:21-22*
 - Because they stand in God's favor through Jesus Christ, rejoice in their hope of sharing in God's **GLORY** (v. 2) *Hebrews 4:16*
 - Rejoice in their **SUFFERING**, knowing it's producing... (v.v. 3-4) *James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 1:6-7*
 - **ENDURANCE**
 - **CHARACTER**
 - **HOPE**
 - Are assured of **FINAL** salvation (v.v. 6-11)
4. What Adam **RUINED**, Jesus **RESTORES** *Romans 5:12-21*



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WHY does it matter/**WHAT** does it mean for me?

1. I need to stop trying to **PROVE** myself to God
 - **TRUTH:** My standing with God rests on what **JESUS has done**, NOT on how well I perform.
 - **HARD TRUTH:** As long as I'm trying to prove that I'm good enough, I haven't accepted that Jesus is enough.
2. I need to live **SECURE** in what Jesus has done for me
 - **TRUTH:** Because I'm justified through faith in Jesus, my relationship with God is secure even when my circumstances are not.
 - **HARD TRUTH:** If my confidence in God rises and falls with my circumstances or performance, I'm looking for security somewhere other than what Jesus has already done.
3. I need to believe that **GRACE** is greater than my **SIN**
 - **TRUTH:** What sin has **RUINED**, Jesus is able to **RESTORE**
 - **HARD TRUTH:** When I believe my sin or my past is beyond God's grace, I'm making my failure bigger than what Jesus accomplished.
4. The Gospel **CHANGES** us and then **SENDS** us
 - **TRUTH:** The Gospel was never meant to **STOP** with me; God changes me so He can **WORK** through me to reach others.
 - **HARD TRUTH:** A church that becomes more concerned with serving its own people than reaching the lost may have lost sight of Jesus' mission.

Memory Verse:

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ
Romans 5:1 ESV

Reflection Questions:

- What stood out to you most from this week's message?
- Why are the words, "But now," in Romans 3:21 such an important turning point?
- What's the difference between trying to be righteous and receiving righteousness through faith in Jesus?
- What difference should knowing where you stand with God make in everyday life?
- Where are you most tempted to try to prove yourself to God?
- How do different circumstances tend to affect your confidence in God?
- Which is harder for you to believe: that you don't have to earn God's grace, or that you sin isn't greater than God's grace? Why?
- Review the Hard Truth: "When I believe my sin or my past is beyond God's grace, I'm making my failure bigger than what Jesus accomplished." Where do you need to believe that Jesus is greater than what sin has ruined?
- If the Gospel **CHANGES** us and then **SENDS** us, where might God be sending you right now?

My next step today is to...

- Memorize Romans 5:1
- Repent and accept Jesus as my Savior and submit to His Lordship for the first time!
- Go public as a follower of Jesus and get baptized
- Intentionally pray for, pursue and look for an opportunity to share the Gospel with _____ this week
- Read Romans chapters 4 & 5 this week
- Watch or listen to **The 3C Podcast** to go deeper this week
- _____