

**Free From Sin to Grow in Grace
Sessions 1 & 2 Notes**

Romans 3:21-28 TPT

But now, independently of the law, the righteousness of God is tangible and brought to light through Jesus, the Anointed One. This is the righteousness that the Scriptures prophesied would come. It is God's righteousness made visible through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. And now all who believe in Him receive that gift. For there is really no difference between us, ²³ for we all have sinned and are in need of the glory of God. ²⁴ Yet through His powerful declaration of acquittal, God freely gives away His righteousness. His gift of love and favor now cascades over us, all because Jesus, the Anointed One, has liberated us from the guilt, punishment, and power of sin! ²⁵ Jesus' God-given destiny was to be the sacrifice to take away sins, and now He is our mercy seat because of His death on the cross. We come to Him for mercy, for God has made a provision for us to be forgiven by faith in the sacred blood of Jesus. This is the perfect demonstration of God's justice, because until now, He had been so patient—holding back his justice out of his tolerance for us. So He covered over the sins of those who lived prior to Jesus' sacrifice. ²⁶ And when the season of tolerance came to an end, there was only one possible way for God to give away his righteousness and still be true to both his justice and his mercy—to offer up His own Son. So now, because we stand on the faithfulness of Jesus, God declares us righteous in his eyes! ²⁷ Where, then, is there room for boasting? Do our works bring God's acceptance? Not at all! It was not our works of keeping the law but our faith in his finished work that makes us right with God. ²⁸ So our conclusion is this: God's wonderful declaration that we are righteous in his eyes can only come when we put our faith in Christ, and not in keeping the law.

Romans 3:23-24 KJV

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; ²⁴ Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus

SINNED – G264 – *Hamartano* –

- I. To be without a share in
- II. To miss the mark – and so not share in the prize.
- III. To err, be mistaken
- IV. To miss or wander from the path of uprightness and honor, to do or go wrong.
- V. To wander from the law of God, violate God's law, sin.

COME SHORT – G5302 – *Hystereo* –

- I. To be behind
- II. To be left behind in a race and so fail to reach the goal, to fall short of the end.
- III. Metaph. Fail to become a partaker.
- IV. IV. To be inferior in power, influence, and rank.
- V. To fail, be wanting
- VI. To suffer want, to be devoid of, to lack, be deficient.

BEING JUSTIFIED – G1344 – *dikaioo* –

- I. To render righteous or such as he ought to be.
- II. To show, exhibit, reveal, one to be righteous.
- III. To declare, pronounce, one to just, righteous, or such as he ought to be.

FREELY – G1432 – *dorean* –

Freely, undeservedly, without a cause, freely and gratuitously

“But we may note here that “justified” means to be accounted or declared righteous, as a judicial act; and that justification is traced in its ultimate source to God’s grace—His own loving disposition—which bends to unworthy and lowly creatures and is regarded as having for the medium of its bestowal the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. That is the channel through which grace comes from God.” -

MacLaren Exposition of the Bible

REDEMPTION – G629 – *apolytrosis* –

A releasing effected by payment of ransom, deliverance, setting free.

The word in the secular Greek described a conqueror releasing prisoners, a master ransoming a slave, and redemption from an alien yoke. In the New Testament it designates deliverance through Christ from evil and the penalty of sin. The price paid to purchase that liberation was His shed blood.

Romans 3:25-28 TPT

“A gospel which says much of Christ but little of His cross, or which dilates on the beauty of His life, but stammers when it begins to speak of the sacrifice of His death, will have little power to deal with the universal sickness of sin.” -

MacLaren Exposition of the Bible

Romans 4:4-5 TPT

When people work, they earn wages. It can’t be considered a free gift, because they earned it. 5 But no one earns God’s righteousness. It can only be transferred when we no longer rely on our own works, but believe in the one who powerfully declares the ungodly to be righteous in His eyes. It is faith that transfers God’s righteousness into your account!

To Recap:

1. ALL humanity has sinned and been found deficient. Every soul must come to this realization.
2. Yahweh in His great love gave us Jesus. Jesus living as a perfect and sinless man, willingly gave His life as a sacrifice.
3. His sacrifice was so immense that Yahweh then declared that all who would believe in Jesus would be declared justified and righteous. Man would receive the very righteousness of Jesus just for believing!
4. Salvation is a GIFT!! A gift is voluntarily transferred by one to another without compensation.
5. For those who believe – they have been liberated from the guilt, punishment, and power of sin.

THE ONE WHO FORGETS THEIR IDENTITY (OR GENESIS)
IS THE ONE WHO CAN ONCE AGAIN BE ENSLAVED.

Kingdom Dynamics – Spirit-filled Bible
The grace of God, GROWING IN KNOWING

The dynamic of God's grace speaks these truths: (1) that God has been reconciled to the world through Christ's sacrifice; (2) the unmerited favor, the unconditional acceptance we receive from God; and (3) an empowerment for a task. Taken together, these truths bring believers to a place of genuine freedom, where we are free to obey God, NOT to OBTAIN His favor but BECAUSE HE HAS ALREADY GIVEN US HIS

FAVOR. Within His unconditional acceptance given us because of what Christ has done, we are freed from the need to monitor our behavior and loosed into the joy knowing His friendship.

Focusing primarily on our righteousness only DIVERTS our attention from His loveliness—which ultimately erodes our dependence on Him to produce in us the beauty of His character. Grace underscores the generosity of God's love, highlighting the truth that God does NOT coerce change by threatening us, but instead He conquers by lavishing His love upon us.

His grace frees from wearying, self-generated endeavors and releases us to allow His Holy Spirit within "to will and to do for His good pleasure."

Romans 5:1-2 TPT

Our faith in Jesus transfers God's righteousness to us and He now declares us flawless in His eyes. This means we can now enjoy true and lasting peace with God, all because of what our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One, has done for us. 2 Our faith guarantees us permanent access into this marvelous kindness that has given us a perfect relationship with God. What incredible joy bursts forth within us as we keep on celebrating our hope of experiencing God's glory!

PEACE – G1515 – *Eirene* –

Peace, prosperity, quietness and rest.

The Root verb "eiro" gives us greater insight. This verb means "to join – set at one again."

Romans 5:3-5 TPT

But that's not all! Even in times of trouble we have a joyful confidence, knowing that our pressures will develop in us patient endurance. 4 And patient endurance will refine our character, and proven character leads us back to hope. 5 And this hope is not a disappointing fantasy, because we can now experience the endless love of God cascading into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who lives in us!

Troubles and pressures do not define our relationship with the Lord.

Instead, troubles and pressures are being used by Him to:

1. Build our confidence
2. Develop patient endurance
3. Refine our Character
4. Expectant Hope!
5. More experiential knowledge of the love of God through intimacy with Holy Spirit.

Romans 5:3 KJV – “we glory in tribulations”**GLORY** – G2744 *kauchaomai* –

To vaunt (boast about or praise, especially excessively), boast, joy, rejoice.

Rooted in 2 verbs:

1. “*aucheo*” – to boast
2. “*euchomai*” – to pray to God

TRIBULATIONS – G2347 – *thlipis*

A pressing, pressing together, pressure, affliction, burdened, trouble, persecution.

Root word – G2346 – *thlibo*

To press (as grapes), press hard upon, a compressed way, narrow, contracted.

Matthew 7:14 KJV

Because strait is the gate and narrow (*thlibo*) is the way, which leadeth into life (*zoe*), and few there be that find it.

Romans 5:3 KJV – “knowing that tribulation worketh patience.”**WORKETH** – G2716 – *katergazomai* –

- I. To perform, accomplish, achieve
- II. To work out i.e. to do that from which something results. To work fully.
- III. To fashion i.e. render one fit for a thing

Two root words:

Kata – G2596 – Preposition denoting motion or diffusion or direction. 1) down from; throughout. 2) according to, toward, along

Ergazomai – G2038 -

- I. To work, labor, do work
 - a. exercise, perform, commit
 - b. to cause to exist, produce
- II. An effect from being engaged in or with

PATIENCE – G5281 – *hypomone*

- I. steadfastness, constancy, endurance
 - a. in the NT the characteristic of a man who is not swerved from his deliberate purpose and his loyalty to faith and pity by even the greatest trials and sufferings.
- II. Cheerful or hopeful endurance

Root word – G5278 – *hypomeno*

- I. To remain i.e. abide, not recede or flee, to endure, bear bravely and calmly.

Root word – “*meno*” - to abide, tarry, continue

John 15:1-8 TPT