

***BOUGHT WITH A PRICE***

**Romans 3:22b-24**



# I. THE UNIVERSAL CRISIS

*22b... for there is no distinction;*



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*23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...*

DORIANI – *Everyone sins: con men and businessmen, murderers and ministers, prostitutes and preschool teachers.*



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- Bright Light

*Luke 2:9 - ...an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them...*

*Exo 33:18, 21–22 - 18 Then Moses said, "I pray You, show me Your glory!" ... 21 Then the LORD said, "Behold...you shall stand there on the rock; 22 and it will come about, while My glory is passing by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with My hand until I have passed by."*

*Rev. 21:23 - there will be no need of sun or moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb.*



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- The Eternal State

*Rom 8:18 - For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the **glory** that is to be revealed to us.*

*Phil 3:21 – (Christ) will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His **glory**...*



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- The Reputation of God's Character

*Isa 43:6-7 - Everyone who is called by My name, and whom I have created for My glory...*

*Psa 29:2 - Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to His name...*

*Isa 42:8 - I am the LORD, that is My name; I will not give My glory to another...*



MOULE – *The harlot, the liar, the murderer, are short of (the glory of God); but so are you. Perhaps they stand at the bottom of a mine, and you on the crest of an Alp; but you are as little able to touch the stars as they.*



DANE ORTLAND – *Romans 3:23 is the bottom-line explanation for why we pack stadiums for football games, pay thousands of dollars for liposuction, and meet with psychologists to plumb the depths of the haunting kinds of shame we feel. We lack glory, and we know it. At every turn in everyday life we see evidence of the truth that we know, deep within, that we have lost our true glory, our real selves. We feel keenly our sense of alienation from who we were destined to be. We seek to fill that void any way we can, even vicariously through enjoying the glory of others.*



I. THE UNIVERSAL CRISIS

II. THE SINGULAR CURE

*24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;*



BUNYAN – *As I was walking up and down in the house, as a man in a most woeful state, that word of God took hold of my heart, You are "justified freely by His grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." But oh, what a turn it made upon me! Now was I as one awakened out of some troublesome sleep and dream, and listening to this heavenly sentence, it was as if I had heard it thus expounded to me: Sinner, you think that because of your sins and infirmities I cannot save your soul, but behold my Son is by me, and upon Him I look, and not on you, and will deal with you according as I am pleased with Him.*



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## II. THE SINGULAR CURE

### A. *SALVATION IS FREE*

*24...as a gift.*

*Titus 3:5 - He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy...*



## II. THE SINGULAR CURE

### A. *SALVATION IS FREE*

*24...by His grace...*

*Phil 1:29 - For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake...to believe in Him...*

*Eph 2:8 - For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;*



## II. THE SINGULAR CURE

A. *SALVATION IS FREE*

B. *SALVATION IS COSTLY*

*24...through the redemption which is in Christ  
Jesus*



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A. *SALVATION IS FREE*

B. *SALVATION IS COSTLY*

*Deut 7:8 - ... the LORD brought you out by a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery...*

*Deut 15:15 - You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God redeemed you...*



*Matt 20:28 - ... the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a **ransom** for many.*

*Eph 1:7 - In Him we have **redemption** through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace...*

*Titus 2:14 - who gave Himself for us to **redeem** us from every lawless deed...*

*1 Pet 1:18–19 - 18 ... you were not **redeemed** with perishable things like silver or gold ...19 but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.*



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*24...through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus*

*Phil 3:9 – (we don't have) a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith...*



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- WE ARE FREED
- WE ARE ENSLAVED

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*Acts 20:28 - ... shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.*

*Rom 6:11 - Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.*

*1 Cor 6:20 - For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.*

*1 Cor 7:23 - You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of men.*



***Rom 10:12** - For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him;*



*Rom 5:2 - ... we exult in hope of the **glory** of God.*

*Rom 8:30 - ... these whom He justified, He also **glorified**.*