



Series: Justified (Romans 3:21-5:21)

Title: Justified by His Grace

Scripture: Romans 3:21-31

2025 Summer Scripture: Romans Road (ESV) 1:20; 3:23; 6:23; 5:8; 10:9-10; 8:37-39

How can a person be right with God? (Job 2:9)

People have answered this question in 2 ways throughout history:

1. Human achievement (resume) (vs. 19-20)
2. Divine Accomplishment (the Gospel of Jesus Christ)

The only way to be right with God is to be justified by His grace through Jesus (vs. 21-26)

Wayne Grudem defines justification: “Justification is an instantaneous legal act of God in which he (1) thinks of our sins as forgiven and Christ’s righteousness as belonging to us, and (2) declares us to be righteous in his sight” (Systematic Theology, 723).

Justification: Just As If I’d Never Sinned: It’s an act of God and a declaration by God.

1. God executed His perfect plan of redemption through Jesus. (vs. 21-22)
 - a. God used the Old Testament to prepare the world and humanity for Jesus.
 - i. The Law and the Prophets bear witness to the need for Jesus. (v. 21)
 - b. God manifested His righteousness through Jesus’ incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection, ascension, and return. (v. 21)
 - c. God imputed His righteousness through faith in Jesus for all who believe. (v. 22)
2. All of us are in desperate need of redemption. (v. 23)
 - a. We commit sins. (We act wrongly.)
 - b. We are sinners. (We do not act rightly.)
3. God justified all by His grace through redemption in Jesus Christ as a gift received by faith. (vs. 24-25)
 - a. Redemption - God is willing to redeem and able to redeem us. (debt paid in full)
 - b. Propitiation - Jesus’s blood sacrifice wiped away our sin and appeased God’s wrath.

4. God is the judge and justifier of all who have faith in Jesus. (v. 26)
 - a. God sets standards and holds us accountable to them. (Justice)
 - b. God has done everything necessary to forgive and restore us. (Love)

Jesus is the only one who could both save sinners and satisfy God's wrath.

5. Since we are justified apart from the law, we can now uphold the law by faith in Jesus. (vs. 27-31)
 - a. We praise God out of humble gratitude.
 - b. We join together with other believers for Holy living and the Great Commission.
 - c. We do not let culture nor preferences divide or hinder us.



Memorize the Romans Road this Summer!

G **GOD created us to be with Him & desires a relationship with us.**
ROMANS 1:20 – For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

O **OUR SINS, actions, and choices separate us from God.**
ROMANS 3:23 – For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

S **SINS cannot be removed by good deeds.**
ROMANS 6:23 – For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P **PAYING THE PRICE for our sin, Jesus died and rose again.**
ROMANS 5:8 – But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

E **EVERYONE who trusts in Him alone for salvation receives eternal life.**
ROMANS 10:9–10 – If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

L **LIFE WITH JESUS starts now and lasts forever.**
ROMANS 10:37–39 – No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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