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•In Exchange for our Criminal Record, God Offers His Credible Resume that Confirms our Righteous Status Before Him by Faith.

God's Righteous	ness in
Justifying Sinners	(3:21-24)

•21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

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God's Righteousness in Justifying Sinners (3:21-24)

•For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift,

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The Gift of Justification

To Declare Righteous': God declares sinners 'righteous' by faith upon the basis that the *demands of justice 'against God' have been fully satisfied in the work of Christ* on the cross, and validated by His resurrection from the dead. (Rom. 3:24; 4:25)

God's Righteous	ness in
Redeeming Sinners	(3:24b-26)

•24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

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The Gift of Redemption

•'To be purchased.' The biblical teaching that God paid a price for man's salvation. (Rom. 3:24)

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The Gift of Propitiation

•God's act of *turning away His own* wrath by the offering of His own Son. (Rom. 3:24-25)

God's F	lighteous	sness i	n
Receiving	Sinners	(3:22;	25)

- •22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ <u>for all who</u> believe.
- •25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

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God's Righteousness in Receiving Sinners (3:26)

•26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

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God's Righteousness in Receiving Sinners (3:27-30)

•27 Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

God's Righteousness in Receiving Sinners (3:27-30)

•29 Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, 30 since God is one—who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith.