

ROMANS: PART 16 EXPLANATION OF THE GOSPEL

God's Righteous Justification Defended
"Calvary's Conclusions"
Romans 3:27-31

The Context.

1. Justification Defined. 3:21-26.
2. Justification Defended. 3:27-31.
3. Justification Demonstrated. 4:1-25.

QUESTION #1: Does God's Way of Justification give any basis for human pride?
Did we contribute anything to our salvation? Rom 3:27-28.

1. ANSWER: No! Pride is *excluded* (shut out, executed, put to death).
-We are not saved by a *law of* (moral/religious) *works*
-We therefore have no basis for moral or religious pride.
-We are saved by a *law of faith* (in what Christ did for us).
-We have a boast-free Gospel -- we boast in Christ.
-I Cor 1:29; Rom 2:21-24; 4:2. Cf. Rom 4:1-8.

2. APPLICATION: You can *only* be justified by humbly believing in Christ.

QUESTION #2: Is God's Way of Justification Only for Jews (the religious elite or the morally respectable)?

1. ANSWER: No! He justifies both the circumcised & the uncircumcised through faith.
-One Lord -- saving one people (Church-goer & pagan) -- through one means (faith in Christ)
-Eph 4:1-6; Rev 5:9-10. Cf. Rom 4:9-12.
-God's mercy is offered to all -- no matter who you are & what you have done.

2. APPLICATION: You can be justified through Christ.

QUESTION #3: Does God's Way of Justification Destroy His Holy Law?

1. ANSWER: No! His holy Law is established & honored.
-The Law is so high & holy he could not put any part of it aside to save us.
-The Law's demands were *perfectly* met in Christ -- He is the *only* way the Law could be met.
-Gal 4:4; Phil 3:8,9. Cf. Rom 4:13f.

2. APPLICATION: Every holy demand on you can be met through faith in Christ.