

Romans 3:21-26

3 Reasons The Cross Of Christ Is Meaningful



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Context/Background

- Author: Apostle Paul (written 56 AD)
- Audience: Believers in the church in Rome
- This letter is Paul's detailed explanation of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ and not works
- Here Paul shares how God made the way a person's sins can be forgiven and they can be declared righteous in His eyes

It Fulfilled The Promises Of God In the Old Testament

- (v. 21) Paul shares good news; “But now...” There was a great turning point
- What Moses and Prophets spoke about and pointed to has now happened and become available through Messiah Jesus
- Everything has been done for people to receive eternal life!

- Isaiah 53:5, “But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed.”



It Provides The Answer For Our Greatest Need

- (vv. 22b-23) Powerful truth; we all have sinned and failed to reach God's standard
- We have, and continue to sin by “commission” and “omission”
- “fall short” – banking term; referred to bankruptcy
- We all have a sin sickness, but Jesus is the cure

- Rom. 5:8, “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were sinners, Christ died for us.”
- Eph. 1:7, “In Him, we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace,”



It Proves Eternal Life Isn't Received By Doing Good Works

- (v. 22 & 24-26) Paul shares encouragement and clarification
- God gives eternal life through faith, not works or personal effort
- (v. 22) “...through faith in Jesus Christ..”
- (v. 24) “...freely by His grace..”
- (v. 25) “...propitiation by His blood, through faith..”

- Redemption: “buying a slave and setting them free”
- Justified: “to be declared righteous and not guilty”
- Propitiation: “to appease, turn aside the wrath of”

- Eph. 5:8, “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.”

- Romans 6:23, “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

BORN AGAIN

is not a religion
it is a life
changed by God.

John 3:3

Jesus replied,
"Very truly I tell you,
no one can see the
kingdom of God
unless they are
born again."