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“Becoming Right With God”
Romans 3:21-31

- I. The righteousness God provides has **divine** origin – vv. 21-22.
 - A. The law and the prophets **pointed** to it
 - B. Yet it was revealed **apart** from the law
 - C. Through **faith** in Jesus Christ
 - D. For all who believe – no distinction –
- II. All men are **sinner**s – v. 23.
 - A. All have sinned
 - B. All fall **short** of God’s glory
- III. God’s plan of **justification** – vv. 24-26.
 - A. It is an **event** and a process
 - Mercy seat – to propitiate God’s wrath (25)
 - Accessible through **faith** (25)
 - Demonstrates God’s righteousness – God’s forbearance led Him to pass over the sins previously committed (25).
 - God’s righteousness in the present – God is just and the justifier of the one who lives b/c of his faith in Jesus (26).
 - B. **Free** of charge
- IV. Man can take no **credit** for God’s plan – vv. 27-31.
 - A. Faith excludes **pride** of achievement – v. 27.
 - B. Man’s **righteousness** – v. 28.
 - i. **Declared**
 - ii. **By faith**
 - iii. Apart from the **works** of the law
 - C. As God of the Jews and the Gentiles, He will justify **both by faith** – vv. 29-30.
 - D. Faith upholds, rather than **nullifies**, the law – v. 31.

The Big Idea: The only way a man can become right with God is by faith in Jesus’s completed work on the cross.