

**GOD'S POWER  
FOR SALVATION**



**ROMANS**

**Romans 2:12**

***All those who have sinned outside  
the law will also die outside the Law  
and all those who have sinned under  
the Law will be judged by the Law.***

## Romans 3:9-11

We have...charged that *all*, both Jews and Greeks, are under the power of sin. As it is written: *None* is righteous, *no* not one; *no one* understands, *no one* seeks for God. All have turned aside, together they have become worthless, *no one* does good, not even one.

Romans 3:20

For by the [good] works of the law  
no human being will be justified  
in his sight.

**The Gospel is the Good News that  
God has made a way for all  
people to be declared right with  
himself through faith in Jesus.**

**"The chief point and very central place in the epistle, and of the whole Bible."**

***Martin Luther, on Romans 3:21-26***

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## Romans 3:22-24

This righteousness is given through faith  
in Jesus Christ to *all* who believe.

There is no difference [between Jew and Gentile],  
**for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,**  
and all are justified by his grace as a gift through the  
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**1. The words**

**“righteous” and “justify” are  
essentially the same word.**

**Both come from the Greek root word, *dikaios*.**

**2. *Dikaios* means "rightness"  
or "right standing" when  
measured against the law.**

3. Verse 23 says that we are  
“justified by his *grace* as a *gift*”.

**"Grace is God loving, God stooping,  
God coming to the rescue,  
God giving himself generously  
in and through Jesus Christ."**

**- John Stott**



**4. God freely gives us his  
righteousness because of the  
redemption that is in Christ Jesus.**

## Romans 3:25

[God] put forward [Messiah Jesus]

as a *propitiation*

*(a sacrifice of atonement)*

by his blood, to be received by faith.

## Romans 3:26

*This was to show God's righteousness because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.*

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

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**God did this to show his righteousness**

because in his divine forbearance

(his patient mercy) he had passed over former sins.

**It was to show his righteousness** at the present time,

so that he might be (shown to be)

just and the justifier of the

one who has faith in Jesus.

**For God to forgive sin apart from his justice would be for God to say that moral evil doesn't matter.**

## Romans 3:26

... to show himself to be both  
*just and the justifier*  
of the one who has faith in Jesus.

## What God Says

In my *justice*,  
it was necessary  
that somebody  
had to pay.

## What God Says

In my *mercy*,

I let sin go

unpunished

for a while.



What God Says

In my *grace*,

I paid the price myself  
so you wouldn't have to.

**Because of Jesus,  
God is able to justly  
justify the unjust.**

**"God himself gave himself  
to save us from himself."**

*- John Stott*

**By sending Jesus to die for our sins,  
to pay the penalty for our sins,  
God's justice and warath were  
satisfied and God's mercy  
and grace were magnified.**

**In his justice, God *demanded* payment.**

**In his mercy, God *delayed* payment.**

**In his grace, God *delivered* payment.**

*Jeff Warren, Life Forgiven*



# THE Runaway BRIDE

IF GOD IS SO GOOD, WHY IS THE WORLD SO MESSED UP?

## What's Christianity all about?

Every day, our televisions, radios, web sites, social media feeds, and magazines pour out a steady stream of tragedy, disaster, selfishness and stupidity. There is so much wrong in our world today that we get to the point where our eyes glaze over and our hearts grow numb with “compassion fatigue.” But every once in a while, a tragic story grips us—especially when it hits close to home—and the old questions return.

HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN? HOW COULD GOD LET THIS HAPPEN?  
IF THERE IS A GOOD AND POWERFUL GOD, THEN WHY IS THE  
WORLD IN SUCH A MESS? WHY DOESN'T HE DO SOMETHING?

I believe these are the questions people are wrestling with today—believers and non-believers alike. For some, the recent acts of violence across our world are further reason that they have chosen to deny God's existence—they cannot imagine a God who would allow such misery. This question is a very real obstacle to faith, and I want to address the question as honestly and straightforwardly as I

To answer this question, we really need to go back to the beginning of time and look at why God created people

