

Romans Chapter 3 Part 2

Rom 3:20-21 Therefore by the **deeds of the law** there shall **no flesh be justified** in his sight: for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin. **21** But now **the righteousness of God without the law** is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;

Following the law alone could never justify anyone. An O.T. saint needed to have **faith and works** (*in whatever God told him to do*), Rom. 9:31-32, Gal. 3:11-12. Works perfected one's faith (Jas. 2:21-26) and granted justification (forgiveness, 1 Ki. 8:32). These O.T. believers knew **full** justification was not achievable - Bildad asks (before the law) in Job 25:4, "How then can man be justified with God?". David said (under the law) in Ps. 143:2 "And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified." **But now** the righteousness of God (which is Jesus) without the law is manifested (Deut. 6:25). We are now justified freely by grace, vs.24

Rom 3:22-24 Even **the righteousness of God** *which is* by **faith of Jesus Christ** unto all and **upon all them that believe**: for there is no difference: **23** For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; **24** Being **justified freely by his grace** through the **redemption** that is in Christ Jesus:

Today we are imputed the righteousness of God by Jesus Christ when we believe (absolutely NO works are involved, Rom. 4:5, Eph. 2:8-9) The believer is no longer justified by exercising his own faithfulness (Hab. 2:4, Ac. 13:39), but, in Christ, he is now justified freely by grace through faith and redeemed.

Rom 3:25 Whom God hath **set forth to be a propitiation** through **faith in his blood**, to declare his righteousness for the **remission of sins that are past**, through the forbearance of God

Ever since Adam's fall, blood was required to pay for sin (Gen 3:21). **Heb 9:22** "...without shedding of blood is no remission". But **Heb 10:4** says, "For *it is* not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins." The O.T. sins were only remitted (forgiven) but not redeemed (taken away). It wasn't until Jesus shed his blood on the cross that a sufficient payment (propitiation) was provided. This single sacrifice redeemed the sins of the past and those of the future for everyone who would put faith in his blood (Heb. 9:15,26). **Col 1:14** **In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins**: Most modern bibles remove "through his blood" making redemption (the taking away of sins) the same as forgiveness (remission of sins). The blood of Christ is the single most important doctrine concerning your salvation. That deletion alone is enough reason to throw out the modern bibles.

Rom 3:26 **To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier** of him which believeth in Jesus.

God is holy and just to redeem a man by the finished work of Jesus. It declares his righteousness and the insufficiency of man's efforts. **Ro 8:3-4** **For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.** When a man does not receive Jesus as Lord and Savior, he, in turn, declares God as unjust for not accepting his alternate plan.

Rom 3:27 **Where is boasting then?** It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.

Boasting of self-righteousness is excluded as stated in Eph. 2:8-9. The Jews boasted in knowing God (Rom. 2:17) but denied Jesus Christ. Today, salvation is in a man – not a church, baptism, a sacrament, a prayer, obeying the law, etc. So, when asked how you were saved, the only right answer is to proclaim the name of Jesus. We declare his righteousness.

Rom 3:28 Therefore **we conclude** that a man is **justified by faith** without the deeds of the law.

The conclusion for this age is that a man is saved by faith in Jesus plus nothing! This is because of Christ. Not only did Jesus fulfill the law (Mat. 5:17) but he provides the faith we need to stay saved (vs.22, Gal. 2:16, Gal. 3:19, 23).

Rom 3:29-31 **Is he** the God of the Jews only? **is he** not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also: **30** **Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith. 31 Do we then make void the law through faith?** God forbid: yea, **we establish the law.**

The law was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ (Gal. 3:24), it stops the mouths of sinners (vs.19), it brings the knowledge of sin (vs.20, 7:7,13), it is holy, just, good, and spiritual (Rom. 7:12,14).

Ga 3:21-22 **Is the law then against the promises of God?** God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law. **22** But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, **that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.**