



What it Cost God to Save Sinners!

Romans 3:21-31

Introduction

- **Romans 1:18-3:20** describes the sinfulness of fallen humans apart from God's saving grace.
- Sinners are under the wrath of God for suppressing and rejecting the truth that God has shown them (1:18-32)

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- They will be judged by God according to **truth** they know, the **deeds** they have done, and with **complete impartiality** (2:1-16).
- Neither **correct religious belief** nor the practice of **religious ordinances** will appease an offended and angry God (2:17-29).

Introduction

- **Jewish national lineage** will not protect Jewish sinners from God's righteous wrath against sin.
- **Romans 3:1-20** teaches that apart from God's grace, mankind's condition and conduct is sinful.

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- Sinners are helpless to help themselves, condemned and found willfully guilty (3:1-20)
- **In our passage today**, Romans 3:21-31 we watch God's gate of deliverance swing open wide for such sinners!

God's Deliverance for Sinners

Romans 3:21 “But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets”

God's Deliverance for Sinners

- **“the righteousness of God”** – how a righteous God can declare a wicked person right in the eyes of the law.
- **“apart from the law”** – no one is declared righteous upon the basis of keeping the law.

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- **Galatians 3:11** But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for "the just shall live by faith."

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- **Galatians 3:21** *Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law.*

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- **Galatians 2:16** "knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

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- **“being witnessed by the law and the prophets”** - the OT teaches how mankind can be right with God.

God's Deliverance for Sinners

Romans 3:22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe.

For there is no difference;

- **God's deliverance is by faith in Jesus Christ.**

God's Deliverance for Sinners

- **Heb. 11:6** teaches the 3 essential elements of Biblical faith:
- 1. Faith believes what **God says**
- 2. Faith obeys what **God requires.**
- 3. Faith trusts in and rests on what **God promises. (B.O.T.)**

God's Deliverance for Sinners

- **Is not thru keeping the OT law**
- **Is taught in the OT.**
- **Is by Faith in Jesus Christ**
- **Is available to all – “to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference”**

God's Deliverance for Sinners

- **Is needed by all people (3:23)**

²³ for **all have sinned** and fall short of the glory of God,

How God Delivers Sinners

Romans 3:24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus

- When a sinners repents of his sins and put his faith in Jesus Christ, God is justly able to:
- **“being justified”** – declare us to be right in the eyes of God’s law.

How God Delivers Sinners

- **How can God declare a sinner to be right in the eyes of the Law?**

How God Delivers Sinners

God can justly do this because faith in Jesus Christ UNITES us to Jesus Christ and what Jesus provides through His death, burial, and resurrection!

How God Delivers Sinners

When we place our faith in Jesus, Jesus becomes our substitute sacrifice for sin, and pays our debt.

- God provides this cure for sin
“**freely**”

Romans 3:24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus

How God Delivers Sinners

- **“freely”** – “without charge” “without merit” – we did nothing to deserve this UNION with Christ except accept it by FAITH.

How God Delivers Sinners

Romans 3:24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus

- “**by His grace**” – the outpouring of God's love and mercy to undeserving sinners giving them the desire and the power to do God's will. (repent and exercise biblical saving faith)

How God Delivers Sinners

Romans 3:24 being justified freely by His grace through **the redemption** that is in Christ Jesus

- **“redemption”** – the release from the slavery of sin – Jesus provided for our deliverance from sin’s control.

How God Delivers Sinners

Romans 3:25 whom God set forth *as* a **propitiation by His blood**, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed,

How God Delivers Sinners

- “propitiation by His blood,”
- **Jesus** gave Himself on the cross as a **propitiation** – “a sacrifice to satisfy the righteous wrath of a holy God”.
- **1 Peter 1:18-19** – “You were redeemed ... with the precious blood of Christ”

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- **God requires us to have faith in Jesus' provision at Calvary!**

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How God Delivers Sinners

- God left the sins of the O.T. saints unpunished because of his forbearance.
- Animal sacrifice cannot remove sin.
- He waited until Jesus was crucified as a substitutionary sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

How God Delivers Sinners

- God spared not His own son. He fully poured out His righteous wrath on Jesus Christ who gave Himself a ransom for all people.
- Eph. 1:7 – “In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace”

God's Method of Deliverance

- Shows that God can be totally just when He forgives sinners.

Romans 3:26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

God's Method of Deliverance

- Eliminates all human PRIDE in thinking something they do can result in their salvation.

Romans 3:27 Where *is* boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith.

Conclusion

Romans 8:28: Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.

29 Or is He the God of the Jews only? Is He not also the God of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also,

Conclusion

³⁰ since *there is* one God who will justify the circumcised [Jew] by faith and the uncircumcised [gentile] through faith.

³¹ Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.

A Promise for All Christians

Romans 8:32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

- Through faith in Jesus Christ, God has provided everything you and I need to be the Christians He wants us to be!!!



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