

**The Greatest Letter Ever  
God Did This For You!  
Romans 3:21-31**

**Introduction: The Miracle of Righteousness**

**Two Powerful Words:** “But Now” (v. 21)

**Important Words Describing Our Salvation (vv. 24-25)**

**Justification:**

**Redemption:**

**Atonement:**

**Facts Detailing Our Salvation (vv. 21-26)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Fact: Salvation is designed by God (v. 21)**

*But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. (3:21)*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Fact: Salvation is unearned (v. 21)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Fact: Salvation is not hidden (v. 21)**

*Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care... (1 Peter 1:10)*

**4<sup>th</sup> Fact: Salvation is through faith (v. 22)**

*This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. (3:22)*

**Two Mistakes**

- People say, “I don’t have enough faith.”
- People mistakenly put their faith in their faith

**5<sup>th</sup> Fact: Salvation is available to everyone who believes (v. 22)**

**6<sup>th</sup> Fact: Salvation is necessary (v. 23)**

*...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God... (3:23)*

- Past Salvation: “All have sinned”
- Present/Future Salvation: “...and are falling short”

**7<sup>th</sup> Fact: Salvation is undeserved (v. 24)**

*... all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. (3:24)*

**Key Word: Justified**

**What does it mean to be justified freely?**

**How are we justified?**

- By grace (v. 24)
- By His blood (v. 25)

*God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood... (3:25)*

- By faith (v. 28)

*For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law. (3:28)*

**8<sup>th</sup> Fact: Salvation comes through a person (v. 24)**

*... through the redemption that came by Jesus Christ. (3:24)*

**Key Word: Redemption**

- Price of Redemption

*Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)*

- Price of a Ransom

He gave himself for us so he might pay the price to free us from all evil and to make us pure people who belong only to him—people who are always wanting to do good deeds. (Titus 2:14 NCV)

**9<sup>th</sup> Fact: Salvation is expensive (v. 25)**

*God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood... (3:25)*

Key Word: Atonement

**Reasons For Creating His Plan of Salvation (vv. 25-26)**

**1st Reason: A Reason in the Past**

*He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished... (3:25)*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reason: A Reason in the Present and the Future**

*He did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. (3:26)*

**Consequences In Living Our Salvation (vv. 27-31)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Consequence: There is no reason for pride (v. 27)**

*Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. (3:27)*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Consequence: There is no reason for prejudice (vv. 28-30)**

*For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law. Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles too? Yes, of Gentiles too, since there is only one God, who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith. (3:28-30)*

**3<sup>rd</sup> Consequence: There is no presumption (v. 31)**

*Do we, then, nullify the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law. (3:31)*

**Conclusion: Amazing Grace!**