

THE AUTHOR OF GOOD NEWS

ROMANS 3:21-31

2-23-25

I. THE SOLUTION OF JUSTIFICATION

Romans 3:21-25a – “But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.”

A. Long story short

B. Short story long

1. The problem
2. The solution
3. The cost
4. The choice

II. THE AUTHOR OF JUSTIFICATION

Romans 3:25b-27 – “This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷ Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith.”

A. Who does the gospel highlight?

- It is all God

B. What does the gospel highlight?

- God's righteousness

III. THE RECIPIENTS OF JUSTIFICATION

Romans 3:28-31 – “For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. ²⁹ Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, ³⁰ since God is one—who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. ³¹ Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.”

A. Salvation is available to all who believe

B. Salvation empowers obedience

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did you think about the message this week? What stood out to you or challenged your thinking?
2. What is justification? Why is this necessary for people to be saved?
3. Why is the Gospel Good News? How would you explain the Gospel to someone who does not know who Jesus is?
4. Why can it be so uncomfortable to talk about the wrath of God? Why is it good that God's wrath exists?
5. Why is it wrong for us to boast in ourselves when it comes to salvation? Read 2 Corinthians 10:17 – How can we boast when talking about the gospel? What does this look like in your life?
6. Verse 31 sounds like it is going against everything else that Paul was saying. Why isn't this true?