

God's Way of Accepting People

Romans 3:21-4:25

This is the main question Paul answers

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Romans 3:21-26

**Does justification by faith alone mean God
is careless about sin?** Romans 3:8

No! *His answer is to count His Son as guilty,
signifying our life as lost based upon our worthiness*

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Romans 3:24

*Christ became what we were, under a curse,
that we (corporately and individually) might
cease to be accursed through faith in Jesus*

**Justified in your person – made into the
righteousness of God *in Christ***

2 Corinthians 5:21

Jesus offered His life to Father God **as our life**,
by which God is satisfied through the freely
given life of Jesus, and Father forgave
the sin of man

...propitiation... 3:25

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The freely given life of God on our behalf means...

Father is the guarantor of salvation by faith

*The Cross being grace to us and
justice to God*

Grace to us in that we have been given mercy
in our sin, *and*

justice to God whose righteousness
demands punishment for sin and sinning

Grace to us and justice for God
explains why God
accepts – redeems - makes new
all who exercise faith in Jesus

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Romans 3:31

Law and Faith

**Law, *which bears witness, accuses and defends,*
is given a firmer footing because
we are not asking it to do something
only faith in Christ can do –
right wrongs and gain life**

Romans 1:16-17, 2:15

Romans 4:1-25

Abraham accepted by faith in God

*The surprise is **not** that Abraham is the father of all who have trusted in the God of Israel*

*The **surprise is** that Abraham did not always obey God and yet his **faith alone is enough** for God to count Abraham as righteous!*

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Abraham's faith was counted to him as righteousness *because he understood the 3 promises from God to be promises God would have to fulfill*

Abraham understood *life is both physical and spiritual, and the relationship God sought first with Abraham was spiritual*

This belief made Abraham so unique

Our faith in God resulted in righteousness for us because even when consider the unlikeliness of the resurrection of Messiah Jesus, we are not discouraged from belief

We are not discouraged because **in the same way as Abraham, we believe the relationship God seeks first with us is spiritual,** which makes **us** incredibly unique

Romans 4:25

God raised the Lord Jesus to life (defeating death) **as evidence of *forgiveness*, of *acceptance*, of *justification* – for those who believe**

Resurrection is Paul's confidence, Romans 1:4, 8:34

The Son of Man was clothed with a body like ours
We **will be** clothed with a *redeemed body* like His

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