

CALVARY BIBLE CHURCH

“Studies in the Book of Romans - 07

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Text: Rom.3:21-31

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GOD'S ANSWER TO MAN'S GUILT

INTRODUCTION The apostle Paul has fully presented to us the reason for God's right to judge all mankind. He has also shown that all mankind is guilty before God of failing to obey the Law written in hearts and stone. Thanks be to God, he did not leave us in our hopeless pitiful condition. Now Paul wonderfully shares the Good News of salvation, and the way all men can be justified before God. Let's look at these marvelous words from God to see God's answer to man's guilt. As such we see...

I. The Proclamation of Justification – (3:21-23)

- A) God's Righteousness – *“His Standard is Perfection”*
- B) Man's Ruin – *“We all fail to meet God's standard”*

II. The Price of Justification – (3:24-26)

- A) God's Sacrifice – *“His Son paid our penalty and died for us”*
- B) God's Substitution – *“His Righteousness given for our sins”*

III. The Principle of Justification – (3:27-31)

- A) There is Fulfillment – *“Christ fulfilled the Law for us”*
- B) It is Ours by Faith – *“We are justified through faith ”*

CONCLUSION: There is no doubt that God through Paul has smashed apart any thought of man's supposed righteousness as a means of being justified before God. The wonder of salvation and its blessings comes only as a “free gift,” to be received by faith alone in the Person and work of Jesus Christ. This faith is by an act of confession of sin, and surrender of our rights to rule ourselves, by acknowledging Christ's rights to all that we are and do. Have you surrendered and believed and received God's offer of forgiveness, and His gift of Christ's righteousness? May today be that acknowledgment and forever move you from sin and darkness, unto light and life in Christ.

TEXT FOR MESSAGE

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Rom 3:21-31 (NIV) But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. 22 This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

24 and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. 25 God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished-- 26 he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

27 Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. On what principle? On that of observing the law? No, but on that of faith. 28 For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law. 29 Is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles too? Yes, of Gentiles too, 30 since there is only one God, who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith. 31 Do we, then, nullify the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law.