

The Book of Romans

The Gospel of God

²¹ But now apart from the Law *the* righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,
²² even *the* righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction;
²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
²⁴ being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;
²⁵ whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. *This* was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed;
²⁶ for the demonstration, *I* say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

(Romans 3:21-26)

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The Most Important Paragraph in the Bible (?)

God's Righteousness Manifested

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 - (2) by grace alone (*manner*)
 - (3) in Christ alone (*ground/basis*)

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1. "Being Justified"

- to be *declared* righteous by God (a legal reality – acquitted of all charges against us)
- this verdict is inseparable from the vindicating action of Christ's death and resurrection (cf. 4:25)
- this verdict is God's final judgment brought into the present in Christ through faith

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2. "as a gift by His grace"

- God's justifying verdict is completely unmerited – not by works or human achievement
- if justification is by grace on God's side, then it must be through faith on man's side

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3. "through the redemption in Christ Jesus "

- "redemption" – liberation through payment of a price or ransom (e.g. slaves)
- Christ's death was a ransom that delivers us from the penalty and power of sin

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