

The Book of Romans

The Gospel of God

Justified By Faith Alone

Romans 3:27-31

God's Righteousness by Faith

➤ *God is justified and sinners are justified...*

- (1) in Christ alone (*death and resurrection*)
- (2) by grace alone (*manner*)
- (3) through faith alone (instrument)

²⁷ Where then is boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith. ²⁸ For we maintain that a man 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 indeed God is one, who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. ³¹ Do we then nullify the Law through faith? May it never be! On the contrary, we establish the Law.

(Romans 3:27-31)

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1. Excludes Boasting

- God aims to eliminate all reliance on human resources and achievements in salvation (cf. Jer. 9:23-24)
- a law of works implicitly engenders boasting
- faith by definition rules out all boasting in human achievement – it trusts in the work of God alone

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1. Excludes Boasting

"For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast."

(Ephesians 2:8-9)

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2. Includes Gentiles

- if there is only one God, He must then be the God of the Gentiles and not merely the Jews
- if justification is by works of the Law, then Gentiles, who do not have the Law, are excluded

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3. Establishes the Law

- the Law's purpose is to reveal our bondage to sin and effect our acknowledgment of guilt (cf. Gal. 3:19-24; Rom. 4:15; 5:20; 7:13)
- only justification by faith in Christ acknowledges our guilt, satisfies the Law's curse and vindicates God in our salvation