

Romans 1:16-17 (NIV)

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. ¹⁷ For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

Romans 3:21-22 (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...

Romans 3:22-24 (NIV)

...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.

**God is JUST and
the JUSTIFIER**

Romans 3:21-26

Romans 1:16-17 (NIV)

I am not ashamed of **the gospel**, because it is the power of God for **the salvation of everyone who BELIEVES**: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

¹⁷ For in the gospel a **righteousness from God IS REVEALED**, a righteousness that is **BY FAITH** from **first** to **last**, just as it is written:

The righteous WILL live by FAITH.

3:10 ...There is **NO ONE** righteous,
NOT even **ONE**; (NIV)

BAD News - our sin leads to God's
CONDEMNATION and **JUDGEMENT**

3:20 **NO ONE** will be declared **RIGHTEOUS**
in His sight by **observing the Law**

GOOD News - we can be
DECLARED Righteous by FAITH

Because Adam sinned **we are ALL** born
with a sin nature. But not only are we
sinners by NATURE; we are also
sinners by PRACTICE.
We ALL fall SHORT of the glory of God.

MacDonald

Isaiah 53:4-5 (NIV)

Surely **He took up OUR INFIRMITIES**
and **carried OUR sorrows**, yet we
considered Him **stricken** by God,
smitten by Him, and **afflicted**.

⁵ But **He was pierced for OUR**
transgressions, He was **crushed for OUR**
iniquities; the **punishment** that
brought us peace was **upon Him**,
and by His wounds WE are healed.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)

God made Him who had NO sin
to BE SIN FOR US, so that
IN Him we might become the
RIGHTEOUSNESS of God.

Christ stands in **our place**, **having**
paid the PENALTY of death for our sin,
and **He completely SATISFIES**
God's demands. **His sacrifice** brings
pardon, deliverance, and freedom.

The **wisdom of God's plan** allowed Him to
punish Jesus in the PLACE of sinners
and thereby **JUSTIFY those who are guilty**
without compromising His JUSTICE.

MacArthur

A Righteousness FROM God...

- **APART** from the Law
- by **FAITH** in Christ **ALONE**
- for **EVERYONE** who Believes
- by **GRACE**
- through **REDEMPTION**
- by the **BLOOD** of Christ
- which **SATISFIES** God's **JUSTICE**

Leviticus 17:11 (NIV)

For the life of a creature is in the **blood**,
and I have given it to you to **make**
atonement for yourselves on the altar;
it is the blood that makes **atonement**
for one's life.

The sacrificial animal's shed **blood** signified the **life** that was being **given up** for the **person's sin**.

Likewise, **Christ's blood signifies the life**
He poured out for our sin
and the **death He accepted**
in our place.

→ **ALL sin SEPARATES us From God**

²¹ But now **a righteousness from God**, apart from law, has been made known...

²² This **righteousness from God** comes **through FAITH in Jesus Christ** to all who **BELIEVE**.

²³ for **ALL** have **SINNED** and **FALL SHORT** of the glory of God,

John 3:17-18 (NIV)

For God did **NOT** send his **Son** into the world **TO CONDEMN** the world, but **to SAVE** the world through Him.

¹⁸ Whoever **BELIEVES** in Him is **NOT CONDEMNED**, but whoever does **NOT BELIEVE** stands condemned already because he has **NOT** believed in the **NAME** of God's one and **ONLY Son**.

1 John 1:9 (NIV)

If we **CONFESS** our sins,
He is **FAITHFUL** and **JUST** and
will **FORGIVE** us our sins
and **purify** us
from **ALL** unrighteousness.

→ **God PERFECTLY balances
JUSTICE and GRACE**

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.

Righteousness - through Faith

- God's completely Gracious **Justification** of **ANY** person who **puts their FAITH** in **Christ**
- is **Justification BASED** on Christ's **SACRIFICIAL** Death
- **Christ's Death** enables God to **remain JUST** even as He **JUSTIFIES** sinful men

On the mount of crucifixion,
Fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God's **MERCY**;
Flowed a vast and gracious tide.
GRACE and love, like mighty rivers,
Poured incessant from above,
And heaven's **PEACE** and perfect **JUSTICE**,
Kissed a guilty world in **LOVE**.

**→ We have been REDEEMED by
the Blood of Jesus**

²³ For **ALL have sinned and fall short** of the
glory of God.

²⁴ They are **justified freely by His grace** through
the REDEMPTION that is **in Christ Jesus.** (HCS)

1 Peter 1:18-19 (HCS)

For you know that **you were REDEEMED**
from your empty way of life inherited from
the fathers, not with perishable things like
silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the **precious**
BLOOD of Christ, like that of a
LAMB without defect or blemish.

Philippians 1:6 (HCS)

I am sure of this, that

He who **STARTED** a good work **IN** you

will **CARRY IT ON** to **COMPLETION**

until the day of Christ Jesus.