

## Romans 3:10-11 (NIV)

As it is written: "There is no one righteous,  
not even one; <sup>11</sup> there is no one who  
understands, no one who seeks God.

## 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.

<sup>22</sup> This righteousness from God  
comes through faith in Jesus Christ  
to all who believe.

## Romans 3:22-24 (NIV)

There is no difference, <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

**No ONE can BOAST**

**Romans 3:27 – 4:5**

Romans 3:10, 21-22 (NIV)

As it is written: "There is **NO ONE**  
**righteous, NOT even ONE...**

<sup>21</sup> But now **a righteousness FROM God,**  
apart from law, has been  
**MADE KNOWN...**

<sup>22</sup> This **righteousness FROM God** comes  
**through FAITH** in Jesus Christ to  
**ALL** who **BELIEVE...**

When Luther translated this passage, he added the word **ALONE**, which, though not in the Greek, **accurately reflects the meaning.** NIV

<sup>28</sup> For we maintain that a man is **justified by FAITH [ALONE]** apart from observing the law.

Genesis 12:3 (NIV)

**I will BLESS** those who bless you,  
and whoever curses you I will curse;  
and **ALL peoples on EARTH**  
will be **blessed THROUGH** you.

<sup>22</sup>...There is **NO** difference, <sup>23</sup> for **ALL**  
**have sinned** and **FALL SHORT** of  
**the glory of God,**

<sup>24</sup> and **are justified freely by His grace**  
through **the redemption** that came  
**by Christ Jesus.** (NIV)



**31 Are we then undermining the Law**  
by this insistence on faith?

Not a bit of it! **We put the Law in its  
proper place.** (JBP)

3:20 For **NO ONE** is **declared righteous**  
before Him by the works of the law,  
for **through the law** comes  
the **KNOWLEDGE of sin.** (NET)

## → Saved BY Faith ALONE

<sup>28</sup> We see now that a man is **JUSTIFIED**  
before God by the fact of his **FAITH**  
**in God's appointed Savior** and **NOT**  
by what he has managed to achieve  
under the **Law**. (JBP)

## **Justification is...** HNTC

- to **DECLARE** or **PRONOUNCE** Righteous
- positive **ACTION** which **CREDITS** Righteousness
- based on the **FINISHED** Work Christ

<sup>27</sup> Can we **BOAST**, then, that we have **DONE** anything to be accepted by God?

No, because **our acquittal** is **NOT** based on **obeying the law**.

**It is based on FAITH.** (NLT)

# Why FAITH?

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- Faith **Eliminates** the **PRIDE** in our self-efforts
  - **NOT** a **DEED** that we **DO**
- Faith **EXALTS** what God has **DONE**
  - **NOT** what **we DO**
- Faith **Admits** that we never **MEASURE UP**  
to God's standards - **we NEED** His **HELP**

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT)

**God SAVED you**

**BY His grace when you BELIEVED.**

And you can't take credit

for this; it is **a GIFT from God.**

<sup>9</sup> **Salvation is NOT a reward** for the  
**good things** we have done,  
so **NONE of us can BOAST** about it.

Faith is about **BELIEVING**  
not about **DOING**.



Genesis 26:5 (NIV)

...because **Abraham OBEYED ME**  
and kept **MY** requirements,  
**MY** commands, **MY** decrees  
and **MY** laws.

Genesis 15:6 (NLT)

And Abram **BELIEVED** the LORD,  
and the LORD **COUNTED** him  
as **RIGHTEOUS** because of his **FAITH**.

**PAY** and **GIFT** are as different as  
**WORKS** and **FAITH**.

Paul describes God as having  
a set of books of the kind an accountant has.

**God Imputed** or **CREDITED**

**Righteousness** to **Abraham's account**  
**because of his FAITH.** HCSB

O perfect **redemption**,  
the **purchase of blood**,  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who **truly BELIEVES**,  
**That MOMENT from Jesus**  
**a pardon receives.**

**→ Basic Principles of Bible  
Understanding**

**Context**

**Historical Setting**

**Clear interprets the Less Clear**

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2 Timothy 2:15 (NIV)

Do your best to present yourself to God  
as one **approved**, a **workman** who  
**does not need to be ASHAMED** and who  
**correctly handles the WORD of TRUTH.**

**→ Salvation is a GIFT to us  
FROM God**

4:5 But to the one who does not work,  
but **BELIEVES on Him** who  
**declares the ungodly to be Righteous,**  
his **FAITH is CREDITED**  
**for Righteousness.** (HCS)



Luke 18:9 (NIV)

To some who were **confident of their own righteousness** and **looked down on everybody else**, Jesus told this parable:

Luke 18:14 (NIV)

I tell you that **this man**, rather than the other, **went home JUSTIFIED before God.**

To God be the glory,  
great things He hath done;  
So loved He the world that  
**He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life**  
an **atonement** for sin,  
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father,  
through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory,  
great things He hath done.

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