

Romans: Your Freedom in Christ

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.” (Romans 1:16-17)

And he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.” (Luke 8:48)

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. (Hebrews 11:6)

Freedom and Righteousness
Romans 3:21-26

When we're at our worst, God's at his best

What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin,

as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.” (Romans 3:9-12)

So that...the whole world may be held accountable to God. (Romans 3:19)

It is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment. (Hebrews 9:27)

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— (Romans 3:21)

The righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: (Romans 3:22)

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (Romans 3:23)

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: (Genesis 1:26)

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. (2 Corinthians 3:18)

And are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, (Romans 3:24)

Justification: God's power in the cross on our behalf, to forgive us and deliver us from judgment into a new reality of life and grace.

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Whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.
(Romans 3:25)

And he shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger on the front of the mercy seat on the east side, and in front of the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times. (Leviticus 16:14)

For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh,

how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.
(Hebrews 9:13-14)

It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. (Romans 3:26)