



## **Romans 3:21-26**

### How God Justifies Sinners

- I. **Introduction:** Paul announced that God has justified sinners through the righteousness of Jesus Christ, which He has offered through His sacrificial death.
  
- II. How God Justifies Sinners (**Rom 3:21-26**).
  - A. God's Righteousness Revealed (**v. 21**).
    1. Paul proclaimed that God has revealed His righteousness to mankind through the person of Jesus, so that He can justify sinners.
  
  - B. God's Righteousness Applied (**v. 22**).
    1. Paul declared that God's righteousness is applied to sinners through faith in Christ, whether they are Jews or Gentiles.
  
  - C. God's Righteousness Needed (**v. 23**).
    1. Paul says that all people are sinners before God and in need of His righteousness, because they have fallen short of His glory.
  
  - D. God's Righteousness Satisfied (**vv. 24-26**).
    1. Paul explains that sinners are justified in God's plan of redemption through the propitiation of Jesus' blood on the cross.
  
- III. **Conclusion:** God has justified sinners by providing redemption through the blood of Jesus, so that He might be both holy Judge and loving Savior.



## Questions About: Justified by God

1. What is God's assessment of sinners? (**Rom 3:9-20**) Since He universally condemns all sinners, how are they saved? (**Rom 3:21-16**) How is this man's ultimate question? (**Job 9:2**)
2. What do Paul's words "but now" indicate? (**Rom 3:21; Gal 4:4**) What does it mean that God's righteousness is apart from the law? (**v. 21**) How is Christ our righteousness? (**2 Cor 5:21**)
3. How is the righteousness of God applied? (**Rom 3:22**) Why is it significant that "believe" is a continuous verb? (**v. 22**) How is faith the key to justification? (**Rom 4:5, 13, 20; 5:1; 10:9**)
4. Who is to be the object of humanity's faith? (**Rom 3:22**) How is genuine faith rooted in Jesus' person and work? (**v. 22; John 19:30**) To whom is God's righteousness applied? (**v. 22**)
5. Why is God's righteousness necessary? (**Rom 3:23**) How has everyone fallen short of God's standard? (**v. 23**) Why does Paul say we fall short of God's glory? (**v. 23; Gen 1:26-27**)
6. How does Paul explain justification? (**Rom 3:24-26**) Why does mankind need to be justified? (**v. 24**) How is faith in God a gift? (**v. 24; Eph 2:8-9**) What is redemption? (**v. 24**)
7. How did God offer Jesus as a sacrifice for sins? (**Rom 3:25; 2 Cor 5:21**) What does the word propitiation mean? (**v. 25; Heb 9:5**) How did Jesus' blood appease God's wrath?
8. How is God both the One who is just and the One who justifies? (**Rom 3:26**) How can a holy God punish sinners and provide forgiveness? (**John 3:16**) How much does God love you?

### Prayer

1. Pray that God would illuminate your heart and mind to understand His plan of redemption.
2. Ask God to help you trust in the perfect work of Christ as your only hope of salvation.