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THE THEOLOGY OF CHRISTMAS

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The Theology of Christmas

Romans 8:3

Romans 1–4

Every human stands condemned before God because of our works. But Jesus can justify all who personally trust him.

Romans 5 – 8

Everyone who is justified by faith in Jesus is forever secure. We'll never be condemned or separated from God's love.

“God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh.”

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There has never been a gift offered
that makes you swallow your pride
to the depths that the gift of
Jesus Christ requires us to do.
Christmas means that we are lost,
so unable to save ourselves,
that nothing less than the death of the
Son of God himself could save us.

—Tim Keller, *Hidden Christmas*



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- “God loves me and made a way for me to be saved.”
 - God the Father planned my liberation from sin and death.
 - God the Son accomplished it.
 - God the Spirit can personally apply it.