

## HAVE YOU BEEN JUSTIFIED BEFORE GOD?

{Romans 3:21-31}

### The Outline of Romans 1-8: The Righteousness of God

I. *Introduction* (1:1-17) - The Righteousness of God **INTRODUCED**.

II. *Sin and Condemnation* (1:18-3:20)- The Righteousness of God **REQUIRED**.

III. *Salvation and Justification* (3:21-5:21)- The Righteousness of God **RECEIVED**.

Justification does not mean to make a person righteous {this is practical sanctification}, nor to merely pardon or forgive a guilty sinner {though it involves this} but it is a legal or judicial act of God by which He announces as a judge that the believer in Christ is now \_\_\_\_\_ before God.

#### A. The EXPLANATION of JUSTIFICATION BEFORE GOD by GOD'S GRACE. (3:21-26)

“*But now*” – introduces a dramatic shift in subject matter contrasting the wrath of God & condemnation to the righteousness of God & justification before Him. This phrase is not indicating that a new means of salvation from sin’s penalty or justification before God is now provided. Paul will prove in Romans 4 that justification has always been by God’s grace alone through faith alone in the Lord alone apart from works, Law, and ritual – before the Law {Abraham – 4:1-5} and during the Law {David – 4:6-7} for both Jews & Gentiles {4:8-16}.

1. **The righteousness of God in justification before God is \_\_\_\_\_.** {3:21a} Remember Romans 1:16-17!
2. **The righteousness of God in justification before God has been and is presently \_\_\_\_\_.** {3:21b} How has this happened?
3. **The righteousness of God in justification before God is \_\_\_\_\_.** {3:21c} What does “the law” mean?
4. **The righteousness of God in justification before God has been previously declared in the \_\_\_\_\_.** {3:21d} What does “the Law and the Prophets” mean? Where is this found in the OT? How did Jesus Christ affirm this?
5. **The righteousness of God in justification before God is personally acquired through \_\_\_\_\_.** {3:22a}
6. **The righteousness of God in justification before God is \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ guilty sinners.** {3:22b}
7. **The righteousness of God in justification before God is received by any who \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ alone.** {3:22c} Why is this significant to observe and recognize?
8. **The righteousness of God in justification before God is \_\_\_\_\_ to escape God’s condemnation and eternal punishment.** {3:23} Why?
9. **The righteousness of God in justification before God is accomplished \_\_\_\_\_.** {3:24a} What does “freely”, and “grace” mean?

10. **The righteousness of God in justification before God has been paid in full through the \_\_\_\_\_**  
\_\_\_\_\_. {3:24b} What does “redemption” mean?

11. **The righteousness of God in justification before God is due to the \_\_\_\_\_**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **in full payment of our sins and is applied at the moment of**  
**one’s \_\_\_\_\_ alone.** {3:25} What does “propitiation” mean?

What was the propitiatory payment that satisfied the holy wrath of God in view of our sins?

What is the significance of “through faith”?

What does “because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed” mean?

12. **The righteousness of God in justification before God \_\_\_\_\_**  
**by Him remaining \_\_\_\_\_ in His holy character in demanding a punishment for sin and yet**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **every guilty sinner that exercises \_\_\_\_\_ because of**  
**the propitiation that Christ’s blood accomplished.** {3:26} Thus, the first issue is not what you think of  
Jesus Christ substitutionary & sacrificial death but what does \_\_\_\_\_ think of it.

#### **B. The CONCLUSIONS regarding JUSTIFICATION BEFORE GOD. (3:27-31)**

1. **God’s plan of salvation / justification before God \_\_\_\_\_ &**  
**instead \_\_\_\_\_.** {3:27} {See 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Ephesians 2:8-9}

2. **God’s plan of salvation / justification gives opportunity for an unworthy sinner to be justified**  
**before God \_\_\_\_\_, including the deeds of**  
**the Law.** {3:28}

3. **God’s plan of salvation / justification is \_\_\_\_\_ to all guilty sinners and is the \_\_\_\_\_**  
**plan & condition of justification for \_\_\_\_\_, whether Jew or Gentile.** {3:29-30}

4. **God’s plan of salvation / justification does not invalidate the Law, but it actually \_\_\_\_\_**  
**its God-given purpose.**

- How does this apply to you?

- The believer in Jesus Christ as Savior?

- The person still in need of salvation / justification before God?

