

Justification
Romans 3:21-30
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Thesis: I want to show what we can learn about justification from Romans 3.

- Intro:
1. Is everyone justified?
 2. Is justification available to everyone?
 3. What does the Apostle Paul tell us about justification?

I. The Problem

- A. The Universal Problem (**Rom 3:23**)
 1. The Gentiles refused to acknowledge God (**Rom 1:28**)
 2. Jews were sinners also (**Rom 3:9-18**)
- B. People were “under sin” (**Rom 3:9**)
 1. Under the law (**Rom 8:1**)
 2. Under condemnation because of sin (*Rom 8:1*)
- C. Sinners have fallen short of God’s glory (**Rom 3:23**)
 1. God made man His crowning creation (**Gen 1:26-27**)
 2. Sin robbed man of God’s glory (*Gen 3*)
- D. What will God do about sin?
 1. In His forbearance He delayed punishment (**Rom 3:25**)
 2. He “passed over” the sins (*Rom 3:25*)
 - a. This does not mean He ignored the sin
 3. He was will to justify sinners (**Rom 3:26**)

II. Just & Justify

- A. How could God be “Just” and “Justify”?
 1. “Just”: Designated the perfect agreement between His (God’s) nature and His acts” (*Vine*)
 2. “Justify”: setting free from the charge; pronouncing one righteous
- B. How could God be “just” and “Holy” and justify men?
 1. Can God justify some and not justify all?
 - a. If justification is unconditional the answer is “no”
 - b. God has provided means of justification (**Rom 5:9**)
 - c. Men must become believers (**Rom 5:1**)
 - i. Only obedient believers are justified, all have the opportunity, few take it.

III. The Problem Solved

- A. Animal sacrifices could not bring forgiveness (**Heb 10:1-4**)
- B. Atonement anticipated (*Isa 53*)
- C. Reality of Christ’s death (**Rom 5:9**)
- D. People may now contact the blood (**Rom 6:1-7**)

IV. Lessons for Us Today

- A. The reality of sin should prompt us to be justified quickly.
 - 1. Sin is the problem, God has the answer.
 - 2. Man should not delay (**Acts 24:25**)
- B. Justification is available but to who?
 - 1. Justification is available to the obedient only.
 - 2. Not everyone will be justified, that is saved (**Mt 7:21**)

Application & Conclusion:

- 1. It is up to man to obey and receive justification.
- 2. God has done His part, man must do his. No one can do it for you.
- 3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9