

Paul's Epistle to the ROMANS

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"The Only Way to Be Right with God" Romans 3:21-26



Introduction:

I. RIGHTEOUSNESS APART FROM THE LAW (vs. 21)

A. Conforms to the Standards of the Law

"But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law..."

B. Confirmed by the Statements of the Prophets

"...and the Prophets"

II. RIGHTEOUSNESS THROUGH FAITH (vs. 22-23)

A. Faith is the Key (vs. 22)

"even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe"

"for there is no distinction"

B. Failure is the Cause (vs. 23)

"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"

III. RIGHTEOUSNESS BY GRACE (vs. 24-26)

A. The Work of Christ (vs. 24)

"being justified as a gift by His grace"

"through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus"

B. The Wretchedness of Man (vs. 25)

“whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith”

“this was to demonstrate His righteousness”

“because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed”

C. The Righteous Character of God (vs. 26)

“for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time”

“so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus”

Conclusion:

- 1) There has been a transfer of righteousness from Jesus Christ's account to ours (vs. 21-23).
- 2) There has been a free gift of grace motivated by God's goodness, not ours (vs. 24).
- 3) There has been a display of God's love for us, not ours for Him (vs. 25-26).