

## Romans: Righteousness Revealed

“But Now...”

Romans 3:21-31 (page 784)

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Justification - The ACT of God whereby He DECLARES the believing sinner RIGHTEOUS in Christ on the basis of the FINISHED WORK of Christ on the CROSS.

- Justification is an ACT, not a PROCESS.
- Justification is something GOD DOES, not man.
- Justification does not mean that God MAKES us righteous, but that he DECLARES us righteous.

### Characteristics of righteousness in **Romans 3:21-31**

1. Righteousness is APART from the law.  
(vs 21; Rom 7:12; Gal 2:21)
2. Righteousness is through FAITH in Christ.  
(vs 22a; James 2:19)
3. Righteousness is for ALL men. (vs 22b-23)

4. Righteousness is by GRACE. (vs 24; Eph 2:8)
5. Righteousness comes at great COST to God. (vs 25a)
6. God’s righteousness is in perfect JUSTICE.  
(vs 25b-26; Hosea 6:6; 1 John 1:5, 4:8)
7. God’s righteousness ESTABLISHES the law.  
(vs 27-31)

What will you do with God’s free gift of grace?

