

How Can a Just God Justify Sinners?

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Scripture Basic: Romans 3:21-31

Focal: Romans 3:21-31

Outline:

II. What God Has Done for Man: Justification by Faith (1:18-11:36)

A. What It Is (1:18-5:21)

1. Universal need of righteousness (1:18-3:20)

2. Righteousness available by faith through Christ's atonement (3:21-30)

a. Its relationship to the Mosaic Law (3:21)

b. Its appropriation (3:22-23)

(1) The method: faith in Jesus Christ (3:22a)

(2) The extension: all mankind (3:22b-23)

c. Its basis (3:24-26)

(1) The source: the grace of God (3:24a)

(2) The method: Christ's sacrifice, viewed as redemption,
propitiation (3:24b-25a)

(3) The result: justification (3:25b-26)

(a) For believers

(b) For God

d. Resulting inferences (3:27-30)

(1) All boasting is excluded (3:27-28)

(2) All men are saved alike - by faith (3:29-30).

Applications:

1. God's method of salvation is entirely by grace through faith - totally apart from any human merit.
2. The "bookkeeping" illustration