

HOW TO BECOME RIGHT WITH GOD ROMANS 3:21-22

SERIES: *THE GOSPEL PAUL TAUGHT*

²"Truly I know *it is so*, But how can a man be righteous before God?

Job 9:2 (NKJV)

³If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

Psalms 130:3 (NKJV)

⁴Who can bring a clean *thing* out of an unclean? No one! *Job 14:4 (NKJV)*

⁴How then can man be righteous before God? Or how can he be pure *who is* born of a woman? ⁵If even the moon does not shine, And the stars are not pure in His sight, ⁶How much less man, *who is* a maggot, And a son of man, *who is* a worm?"

Job 25:4-6 (NKJV)

1. THE HUMAN _____

²Yes, I know what you've said is true, but how can a person be justified before God? *Job 9:2 (HCSB)*

⁷ Keep yourself far from a false matter; do not kill the innocent and righteous.
For I will not justify the wicked. *Exodus 23:7 (NKJV)*

➤ ***Is it really possible for sinners to find favor with God – and if so, how?***

⁹ Jesus also told this parable to people who were sure of their own goodness and despised everybody else. ¹⁰ "Once there were two men who went up to the Temple to pray: one was a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood apart by himself and prayed, 'I thank you, God, that I am not greedy, dishonest, or an adulterer, like everybody else. I thank you that I am not like that tax collector over there. ¹² I fast two days a week, and I give you one tenth of all my income.' ¹³ But the tax collector stood at a distance and would not even raise his face to heaven, but beat on his breast and said, 'God, have pity on me, a sinner!' ¹⁴ I tell you," said Jesus, "the tax collector, and not the Pharisee, was in the right with God when he went home. For those who make themselves great will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be made great."

Luke 18:9-14 (TEV)

¹ My friends, how I wish with all my heart that my own people might be saved! How I pray to God for them! ² I can assure you that they are deeply devoted to God; but their devotion is not based on true knowledge. ³ They have not known the way in which God puts people right with himself, and instead, they have tried to set up their own way; and so they did not submit themselves to God's way of putting people right. ⁴ For Christ has brought the Law to an end, so that everyone who believes is put right with God. *Romans 10:1-4 (TEV)*

2. _____ THEN CAN _____ ?

²³ Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴ And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁵ When His disciples heard *it*, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" ²⁶ But Jesus looked at *them* and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." *Matthew 19:23-26 (NKJV)*

²¹ Does this mean that the Law is against God's promises? No, not at all! For if human beings had received a law that could bring life, then everyone could be put right with God by obeying it. *Galatians 3:21 (TEV)*

3. NO _____ OF MY OWN

²¹ But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²² even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, *Romans 3:21-23 (NKJV)*

A. "But now ... is revealed" – Rom. 3:21a

⁴ For the blood of bulls and goats can never take away sins. *Hebrews ...* ¹¹ Every Jewish priest performs his services every day and offers the same sacrifices many times; but these sacrifices can never take away sins. ¹² Christ, however, offered one sacrifice for sins, an offering that is effective forever, and then he sat down at the right side of God. *Hebrews 10:4, 11-12 (TEV)*

B. "The righteousness of God" – Rom. 3:21, 22

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.' *John 1:29-30 (NKJV)*

C. "Through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe" – Rom. 3:22

⁵ But those who depend on faith, not on deeds, and who believe in the God who declares the guilty to be innocent, it is this faith that God takes into account in order to put them right with himself. *Romans 4:5 (TEV)*