

SALVATION BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH (Sola Fide) ROMANS 3:21-16

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²¹ But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²² This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **Romans 3:21-23 (NIV)**

- **Jesus Christ crucified: a “stumbling block:”**

²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, **1 Corinthians 1:22-23 (ESV)**

¹¹ But I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why am I still persecuted? Then the stumbling block of the cross has been abolished. **Galatians 5:11 (NASB)**

³³ that the scripture speaks of: "Look, I place in Zion a stone that will make people stumble, a rock that will make them fall. But whoever believes in him will not be disappointed." **Romans 9:33 (TEV)**

1. NOT BY _____ OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

⁵ But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness, ⁶ just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works: ⁷ "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, And whose sins are covered; ⁸ Blessed is the man to whom the LORD shall not impute sin." ⁹ Does this blessedness then come upon the circumcised only, or upon the uncircumcised also? For we say that faith was accounted to Abraham for righteousness. ¹⁰ How then was it accounted? While he was circumcised, or uncircumcised? Not while circumcised, but while uncircumcised. **Romans 4:5-10 (NKJV)**

- ✓ **Sola Fide = “Faith Alone”**

²⁰ Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin. **Romans 3:20 (NKJV)**

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 3:22-23 (NKJV)**

2. JUST BY _____

Justification: “is a legal concept meaning to declare someone righteous in God’s sight because of faith in Christ, even though the person is still a sinner in practice.” Dr. William Baker, *Sanctification*, pg. 30

²⁸ Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law. **Romans 3:28 (NKJV)**

A. Justification Demonstrates God’s _____

¹⁸ The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, ¹⁹ since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. **Romans 1:18-20 (NIV)**

²¹ But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. **Romans 3:21 (NIV)**

B. Justification Magnifies God’s _____

⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, **Ephesians 1:6-7 (ESV)**

²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. **Romans 3:23-24 (NIV)**

⁴ If you seek to be justified and declared righteous and to be given a right standing with God through the Law, you are brought to nothing and so separated (severed) from Christ. You have fallen away from grace (from God’s gracious favor and unmerited blessing).

Galatians 5:4 (AMP)

² "Truly I know it is so, But how can a man be righteous before God? **Job 9:2 (NKJV)**

C. Justification Vindicates God’s _____

²⁵ God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— ²⁶ he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. **Romans 3:25-26 (NIV)**

⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. **1 John 4:9-10 (NIV)**

D. Justification Upholds God’s _____

²² In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. **Hebrews 9:22 (NIV)**

³⁰ since there is only one God, who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith. ³¹ Do we, then, nullify the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law. **Romans 3:30-31 (NIV)**