

The Source of Saving Grace

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Romans 3:19-20, *“The Law speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be closed and all the world may become accountable to God; ²⁰ because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in God’s sight.”*

Romans 3:21-24, *“But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been made known...even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified as a gift by God’s grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.”*

Romans 4:5, *“To the one who does not work, but believes in God who justifies the ungodly, his faith, is credited as righteousness.”*

Categories of God’s Work:

1. God’s Positive Works:

- 1. God’s Works of Creation and Providence**
- 2. God’s Works of Redemption**

2. God’s Negative Works:

- 1. God’s Works of Holiness in Response to Our Sin**
- 2. God’s Works of Condemnation and Wrath**

Romans 11:22, *“Behold then the kindness and severity of God; to those who fell, severity, but to you, God’s kindness, if you continue in His kindness; otherwise you will be cut off.”*

Matthew 5:45, *“God causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.”*

James 1:17, *“Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights.”*

1 Samuel 16:22, *“Saul said, “Let David now stand before me, for he has found favor in my sight.”*

Exodus 33:17, *“The Lord said to Moses, “You have found favor in My sight and I have known you by name.”*

Psalms 4:1, *“You have relieved me in my distress; be gracious to me and hear my prayer.”*

Luke 6:35, *“Love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for God Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men.”*

Titus 2:11, *“The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men.”*

John 1:17, *“The Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.”*

Acts 15:11, *“We believe that we are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus.”*

Romans 3:24, *“Being justified as a gift by God’s grace, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.”*

Saving Grace: unmerited favor when wrath is owed