

How Can a Sinner be Justified? July 2, 2023

Romans 3:21-26, *“But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²² even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; ²⁵ whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.”*

Justify: to render a favorable verdict. to vindicate. to be set free of *charges*. to be pronounced and treated as righteous.

Romans 5:1, *“Having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

Romans 5:9-10, *“Having now been justified by Christ’s blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Jesus. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by Christ’s life.”*

Romans 3:10, *“There is none righteous, not even one.”*

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

Romans 8:1, *“There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”*

Romans 4:7-8, *“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds have been forgiven, and whose sins have been covered. ⁸ “Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will not take into account.”*

Romans 6:3-7, *“Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? ⁴ Therefore we have been buried with Jesus through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have become united with Christ in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, ⁶ knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; ⁷ for he who has died (in baptism and union with Christ) is freed from sin.”*