

Just Judge & Merciful Justifier
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Romans 3:24-31

are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. 26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

27 Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. 28 For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. 29

Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, 30 since God is one—who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith.

31 Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.

Great White Throne judgment...proves Father just/righteous with one standard for salvation.

- At the Cross God demonstrated He is a just judge and merciful justifier of all Christians. Romans 3:24-25

God perceived as unjust/not holy: "passed over" Christians' sins committed before cross.

- Old Testament era forgiven without full satisfaction of Jesus Christ's death implies God is not righteous.
 - If God saved Old Testament saints, was Jesus' sacrifice unnecessary?
- heart of Gospel: How can God forgive/pardon GUILTY sinners and still be just?

God is just if His righteousness is satisfied by appropriate punishment for those He forgives

- God took the initiative in providing a way to satisfy His own wrath. Galatians 3:13
 - At the cross Jesus became substitute sacrifice (propitiation) for all God's people.
 - Jesus Christ is an infinite person with infinite capacity to absorb divine wrath.

Eternal God there is no time so forgave sin before/after cross. Revelation 13:8

- All Christians' sins: past, present, future not "passed over" but penalty and condemn Paid In Full....so debt canceled., 1 Peter 2:24
 - God justly pardon guilty because not one sin of any Christian is unatoned for.

God is just and merciful justifier of all who put their faith in Jesus Christ for salvation.

Romans 3:26, 2 Corinthians 5:21

- Father provided a way to satisfy His own wrath and He provided in Jesus Christ the righteousness we need to be reconciled to Himjustifier.
 - Jesus fulfilled ALL righteous demands of Law for us.....great exchange.
 - not made righteous but Jesus' righteousness imputed/counted as our righteousness!

This righteousness provided freely by the Father received by faith. Romans 3:27-31, Ephesians 2:8-9

- Only ONE God so only ONE means of salvation for anyone...through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone.
- Salvation/justified by faith alone designed to glorify/honor God and exclude boasting.

If law does not save, is it canceled so we no longer need to obey it?

- Faith returns law to its proper role in God's plan for Christians. Romans 7:7, 12-13
 - Shows need for righteous not own, lead to faith in Jesus Christ, reveals God's holy character/will, defines good, means of sanctification.

God is just judge and merciful justifier who took initiative and provided Jesus as a satisfactory substitute in a way that demonstrates His righteousness/justice. Romans 3:26

- Before the cross is for our sake, it must be for God's sake/glorify.
 - only when God was satisfied could we reap benefits of Jesus' death.

Implications of God as just judge: Deuteronomy 32:4, Psalm 145:17-20

- JOYFUL knowing all someday rightly judged, NO FEAR 2x punish
 - URGENCY to witness/Share Gospel.

Implications of God as your merciful justifier:

- ASSURANCE eternal life is secure, DELIGHT in being fully accepted and loved.
 - TRUST daily in Jesus....He will complete what He began in us.

White Throne judge: Father proves He righteousness whether condemns/save.

- God shows all that at the cross He demonstrated He is both a just judge and merciful justifier of all who place their faith in Jesus Christ alone for salvation