



## GOD IS JUST AND JUSTIFIES US

Romans 3:23-31

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Good morning church! We are at the end of Romans chapter 3 starting the good news of the Gospel. All humans have “fallen short” missed the mark that God set for us to aim at. “Original sin” means that sinfulness marks everyone from birth, we are stained with sin. Our heart is inclined toward sin, before any acts of sin takes place; this inner sinfulness is the root and source of all actual sins; it causes us to be negative, irrational & rebellious! We are rebellious, disobedient and face “total depravity” that is being without power to believe in God or His word.

*“No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.”* **John 6:44**

### **Romans 3:23-31**

*“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and 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.”*

### **1. Jesus Christ RESPONDS to our Sin PROBLEM. (v 24-26)**

*“Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.”*  
**Psalm 51:5**

## 2. Jesus Christ Made it POSSIBLE for You to LIVE (v 24-26)

- He LIVED a sinless life AMONG us
- He FULFILLED God's law FOR us
- He BORE the penalty of God's judgment AGAINST us

*"With man this is impossible, but with God, all things are possible."* **Matthew 19:26**

## 3. Jesus Christ is the ONE True God, the JUSTIFIER. (v 27-31)

*"Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, **24** but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord."* **Jeremiah 9:23-24**

- Salvation is by FAITH alone
- Sinners are saved by GRACE alone
- Give GLORY to God alone