

THE ROMAN ROAD

Needed: Faith in Jesus

Romans 3:21-31

1. Faith in Jesus Christ is needed as **the only way** to receive the righteousness of God, and is available to all people who choose to repent.

Romans 3:21

But now the **righteousness of God** apart from the **law** is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, . . .

Genesis 15:6

Psalms 32:1

Habakkuk 2:4

These Scriptures are clear testimonies from the law and the prophets that there is a righteousness received not through the law, but received through faith in God's **grace/gift** of His righteousness as seen in v. 22.

Romans 3

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, . . .

2. Faith in Jesus Christ as the perfect propitiation (**mercy seat**) is needed for justification, which shows God as righteous when justifying the sinner.

Romans 3

²⁴ . . . being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God set forth as a **propitiation by His blood, through faith**, to **demonstrate His righteousness**, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, . . .



When Jesus was sent to earth from the Father to become our propitiation by His shed blood on the cross, His work of redemption became the basis of our justification and is God's "**grace/gift**" which can only be received through faith.

Exodus 25:21-22

Leviticus 16:13-16

1 John 2:2

And He Himself is the **propitiation for our sins**, and not for ours only but also **for the whole world**.

Romans 3:26

. . . to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might **be just** and the **justifier** of the one who **has faith in Jesus**.

3. Faith in Jesus is needed to give God **all the glory** for His gift of salvation, instead of glorifying ourselves with worthless attempts to keep the law.

Romans 3:27

Where is boasting then? **It is excluded.** By what law? Of works? No, but by the **law of faith.**

How is boasting done away with?

Boasting is done away with by the law of faith, which is **not a work** and brings glory to God as we see in Romans 3:27 and 4:20!

Romans 3

²⁸ Therefore we conclude that a man is justified **by faith** apart from **the deeds of the law.** ²⁹ Or is He the God of the Jews only? Is He not also the God of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also ³⁰ since there is one God who will justify the circumcised **by faith** and the uncircumcised **through faith.** ³¹ Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.

The purpose of the law is **established** when we lift it up as God's mirror of holiness revealing our wickedness and leading people to freely choose or reject Jesus' work of salvation.

1 Timothy 1:8-11

Have you been convicted of lawlessness in your heart by looking into the **mirror** of the law?

James 1:22-25

Have you repented of your **wickedness**?

Have you placed **your faith** in Jesus as your Lord and Savior who paid for your sin?

Have you received a **new heart** by faith that loves righteousness and bears the fruit of the Holy Spirit in your life?

Galatians 5:22-23