

# Romans

The Righteousness of God Through Faith ([Romans 3:21-31](#))

**Read: The Righteousness of God Through Faith (3:21-31)**

**Explain: The Righteousness of God Through Faith (3:21-31)**

Are there any literary/structural observations?

What do the words mean?

**21 But now** [*nyni de*] **the righteousness** [equity, justification, righteousness] **of God has been manifested** [perfect middle indicative; rendered apparent, appeared, manifestly declared, manifested] **apart from the law** [*nomos*], **although the Law** [*nomos*] **and the Prophets** [foretellers, inspired speakers, prophets] **bear witness** [present middle participle; *martyreo*; to be a witness, to testify] **to it— 22 the righteousness of God through** [*dia*; through the \_\_\_\_\_] **faith** [persuasion, credence, moral conviction, reliance upon, constancy in profession, truth itself, assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity] **in Jesus Christ for all who believe** [present active participle; have faith, credit, entrust, believe, commit to]. **For there is** [present middle indicative] **no distinction** [variation, difference, distinction; [1 Corinthians 14:7](#)]: **23 for all have sinned** [second aorist active indicative; missed the mark and not shared in the prize, erred, sinned, offended, trespassed] **and fall short** [present middle indicative; be later, be inferior, fall short, be deficient] **of the glory** [very apparent glory, dignity, glory, honor, praise, worship] **of God, 24 and are justified** [present middle participle; rendered just, rendered innocent, freed, justified, be righteous] **by his grace** [graciousness, gratifying, the divine influence on the heart and its reflection in the life] **as a gift** [gratuitously, without a cause, freely], **through** [*dia*] **the redemption** [ransom in \_\_\_\_\_, riddance, salvation, deliverance, redemption] **that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward** [second aorist middle indicative; placed before, exhibited, proposed, set forth] **as a propitiation** [expiatory (able to make atonement—\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_), an atoning victim, lid of the Ark, mercy seat, propitiation] **by** [*dia*] **his blood, to be received by** [*dia*] **faith. This was to show** [declare, indicate, evident \_\_\_\_\_, proof] **God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance** [self-restraint, tolerance, forbearance] **he had passed over former** [perfect active participle] **sins. 26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be** [present middle infinitive] **just and the justifier** [present active participle] **of the one who has faith in Jesus.**

**27 Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded** [aorist middle indicative; shut out, excluded]. **By** [*dia*] **what kind of law? By a law of works** [work, act, doing, labor]? **No, but by** [*dia*] **the law of faith.** **28 For we hold** [present middle indicative; take an inventory, estimate, conclude] **that one is justified** [present middle infinitive] **by faith apart** [\_\_\_\_\_, apart, beside] **from works of the law.** **29 Or is God the God of Jews only** [merely, alone, only]? **Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also,** **30 since God is one—who will justify** [future active indicative] **the circumcised by** [*dia*] **faith and the uncircumcised through faith.** **31 Do we then overthrow** [present active indicative; to render entirely idle, useless, abolish, cease, destroy, do away, of no effect, fail, loose, bring to naught, put away, vanish away, make void] **the law by** [*dia*] **this faith? By no means** [second aorist active optative]! **On the contrary, we uphold** [present active indicative; stand, abide, appoint, bring, continue, covenant, establish, hold up, lay, present, set up, stand by] **the law.**

Are there any repeated words?

Are there any repeated topics?

What are some observations of the text?

21 If the Law and the Prophets have witnessed it, it's \_\_\_\_\_

25 The Ark of the Covenant is a \_\_\_\_\_ which Jesus fleshed out

25 The \_\_\_\_\_ is the evident token of God's righteousness

**Apply (What is the point?)**

1. Salvation by faith is not just a \_\_\_\_\_ Testament thing
2. God's plan for the redemption of the universe goes through \_\_\_\_\_
3. The cross shows God's righteousness

**Personalize (What do we do with that?)**

1. Correctly understand the \_\_\_\_\_ Testament
2. Do not miss \_\_\_\_\_
3. Praise Him for His righteous judgments

**Next week: Abraham Justified by Faith (4:1-12)**

**Homework: Ask, Read, Talk, Send**