

AND

JUSTICE & MERCY

Romans 3



Romans 3:21-26 NIV



But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,



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and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith.



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He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.



**to be just and
the one who justifies**



The Character of God

**God's Perfect Mercy was Exercised
Through His Perfect Justice.**

Perfect and Holy Character of God

Why There's a Cross ... His Holiness



DESIRE FOR MERCY

for all have sinned ...

and all are justified freely



The Holiness of God Cannot Ignore Sin

The Just Sentence of a Sinner: Death

THE INTEGRITY OF THE CROSS

A Holy God Reconciled to Unholy People



NECESSITY FOR JUSTICE



**God presented Christ as
a sacrifice of atonement**

Holiness Cannot Dismiss Punishment

**He made Him who knew no sin
to be sin for us**

INJUSTICE OF THE CROSS

Jesus Was Not An Offender



PATIENCE WITH HUMANITY

he had left the sins committed

beforehand unpunished



The Holiness of God Can Be Patient

The Cross Would be the Place and the Way

God Planned a Redeemer

INEVITABILITY OF THE CROSS

Justice was Delayed but Not Denied



God is Both Just and Merciful



**This righteousness is given through
faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe**

Do You Have Confidence in the Cross?

**There is No Greater Message than
the Good News of the Cross**

The Beautiful, Terrible Cross