

‘BUT NOW’
Justification by Faith Alone
His Perfection Revealed
Romans 3:25b-31



Romans 3:21-31

Centre & Heart of the Letter

God's Righteousness Provided and Perfection Revealed

- V21-25a The Way of Salvation
- V25b-31 The Characteristics of Salvation



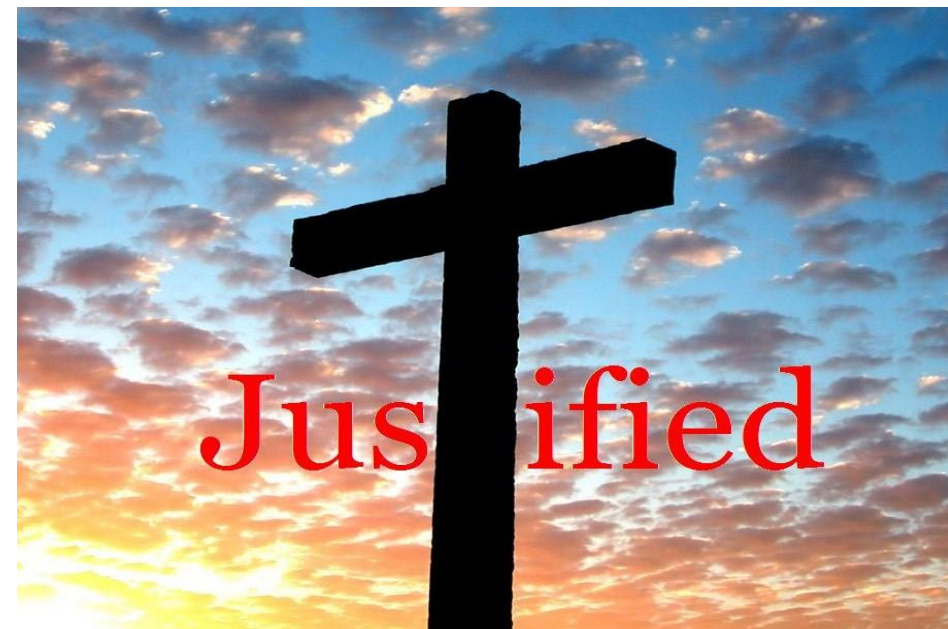
ROMANS

Romans 3:21-25a

“BUT NOW” A Great Turning Point

**A Way of Salvation by grace
alone through faith in Christ
alone apart from the law**

- *Source is God and His grace*
- *Means is faith alone, not works*
- *Ground is Christ and his cross*

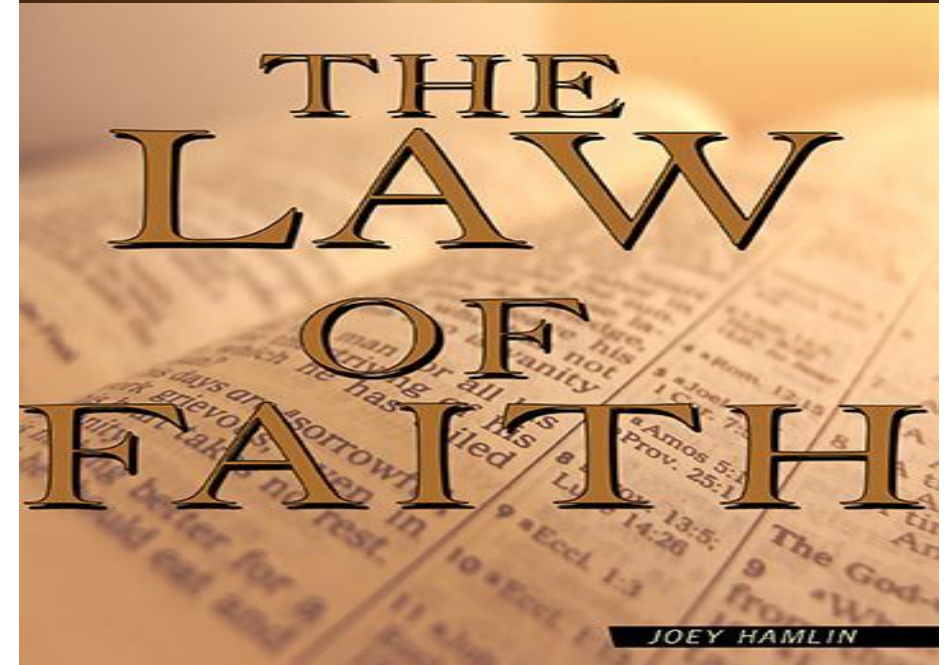


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His Perfection Revealed

Characteristics of Salvation that is...

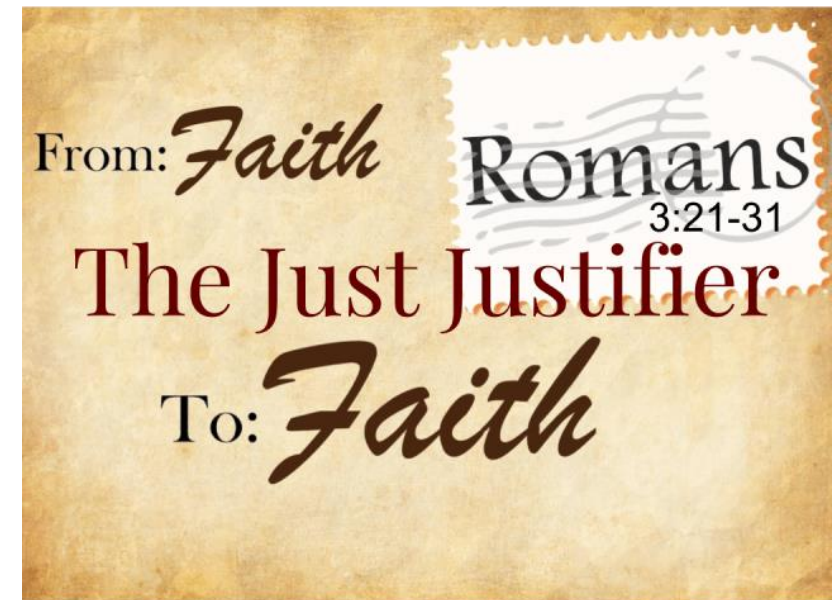
- **V25b-26 Consistent with God's Character**
He is loving, just, and righteous.
- **V27-28 No Boasting!**
All Glory to God Alone.
- **V29-30 No Discrimination!**
He is God of the Whole World.
- **V31 No Antinomianism!**
It honours and confirms His law.



Consistent with God's character

He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— ²⁶ 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.

Both Just and the Justifier
Jesus on the cross proved God's perfection as Judge and Saviour

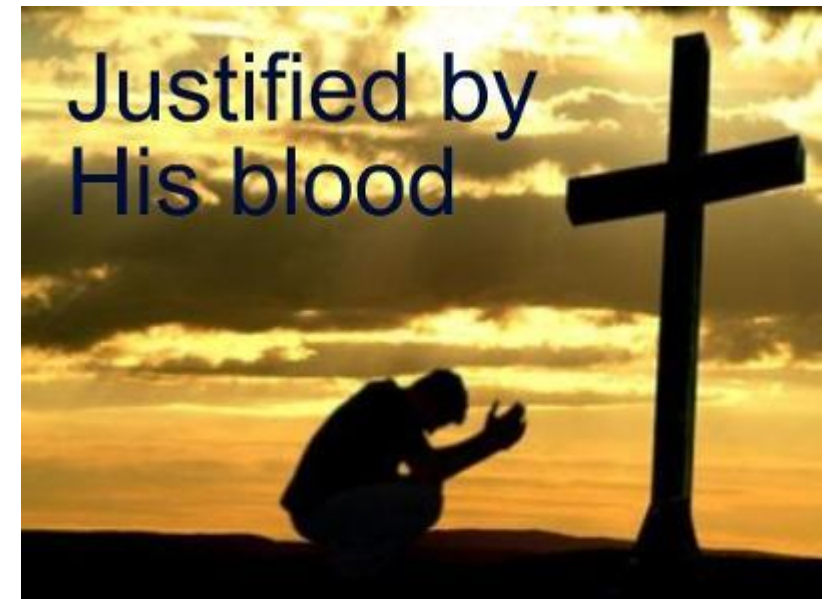


Atonement of Christ **On the Cross**

***²⁵ God presented Christ
as a sacrifice of atonement,
through the shedding of his
blood—to be received by faith.***

Atonement, Greek ‘*hilasterion*’,

**Refers to atonement cover,
mercy seat in the holy of holies.**



Christ on the Cross **Sacrifice of Atonement**

Atonement

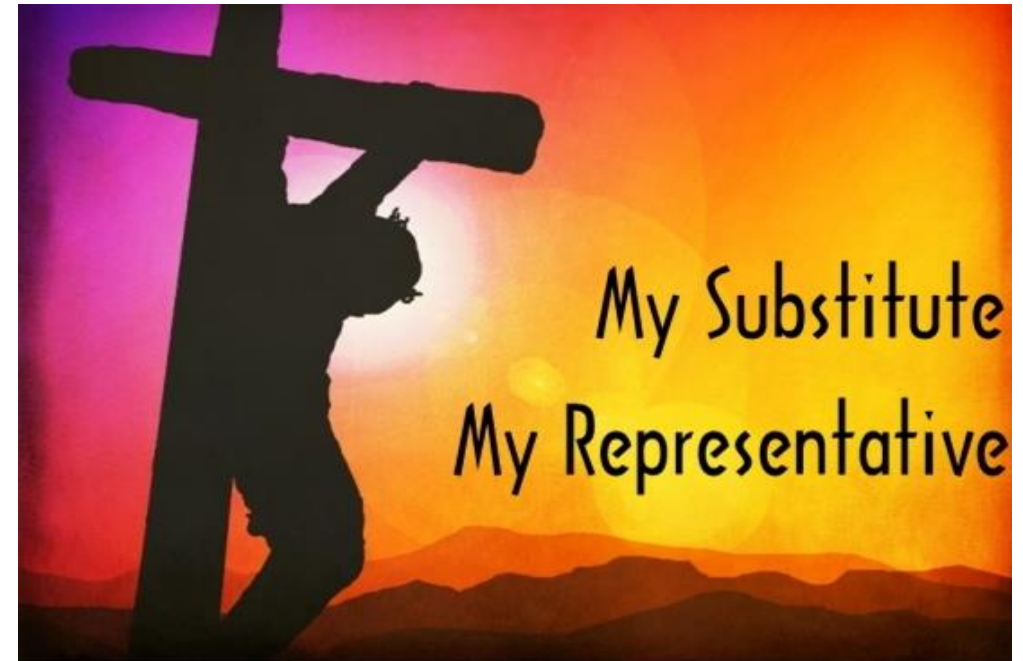
Reconcile us with God.

Propitiation

*Appeasement of God's wrath.
Reveals God's Love.*

Expiation

*Wipe clean of sin and guilt.
Satisfies God's Justice.*



Law of Faith vs. Law of Works

V27-28 No Boasting!

It is by Faith not works.

V29-30 No Discrimination!

It is purely by grace. Equal access.

V31 No Antinomianism!

It honours and confirms the law.



Three Questions:

How about works? Being a Jew and circumcision? The law?

NO Boasting!

***27 Where, then, is boasting?
It is excluded. Because of what law?
The law that requires works?
No, because of the law
that requires faith.***

**No room for
self-righteousness
No One Can Boast**



The Law of Faith

28 For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

**Justification is by
grace alone, through faith
in Christ alone.**

**No Merit for Anyone!
All glory to God alone**

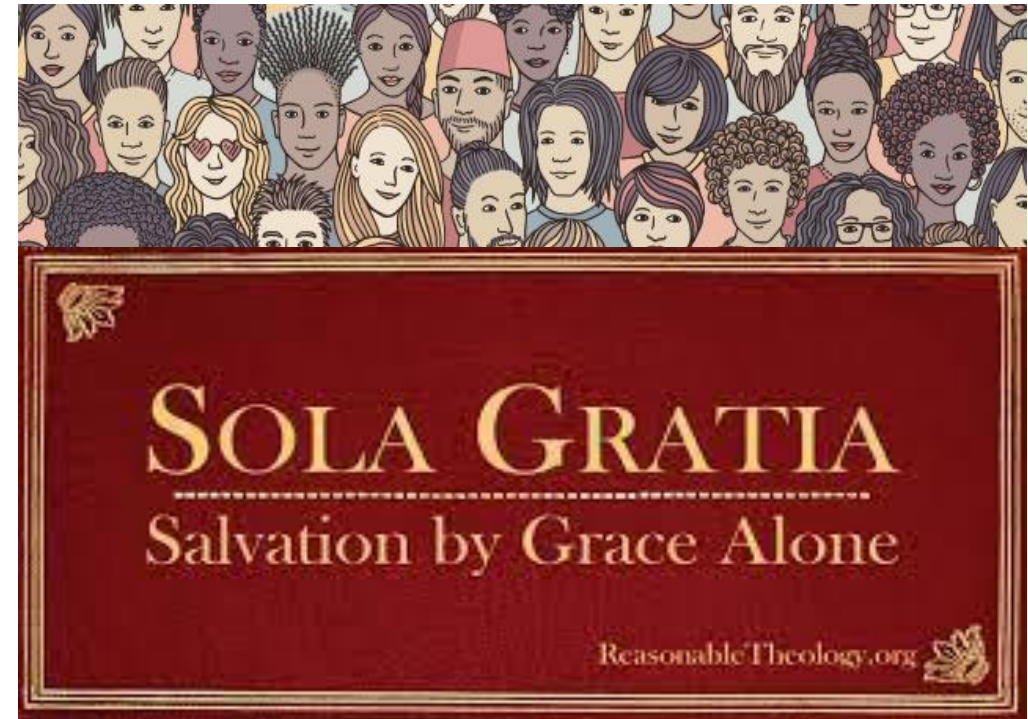


No Discrimination!

***29 Or is God the God of Jews only?
Is he not the God of Gentiles too?
Yes, of Gentiles too, ³⁰ since there is
only one God, who will justify the
circumcised by faith and the
uncircumcised through that same faith.***

God of the Whole World

**All are equal before him
and have equal Access**

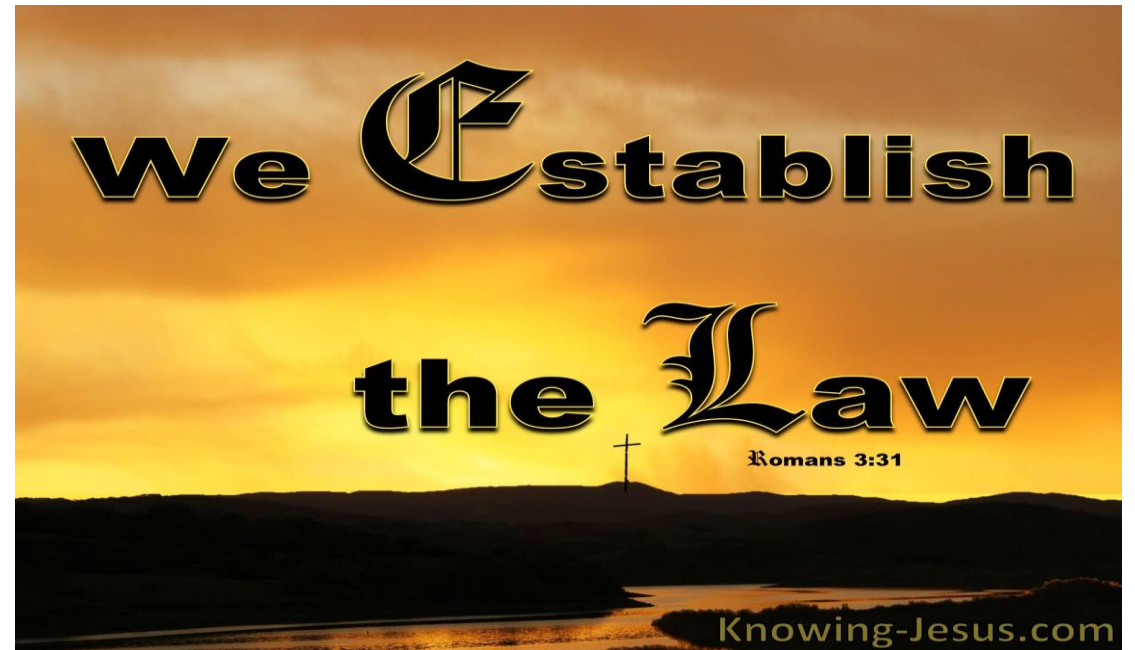


No Antinomianism!

³¹ Do we, then, nullify the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law.

Honour and Confirm the Law

We continue to uphold, and follow the law.



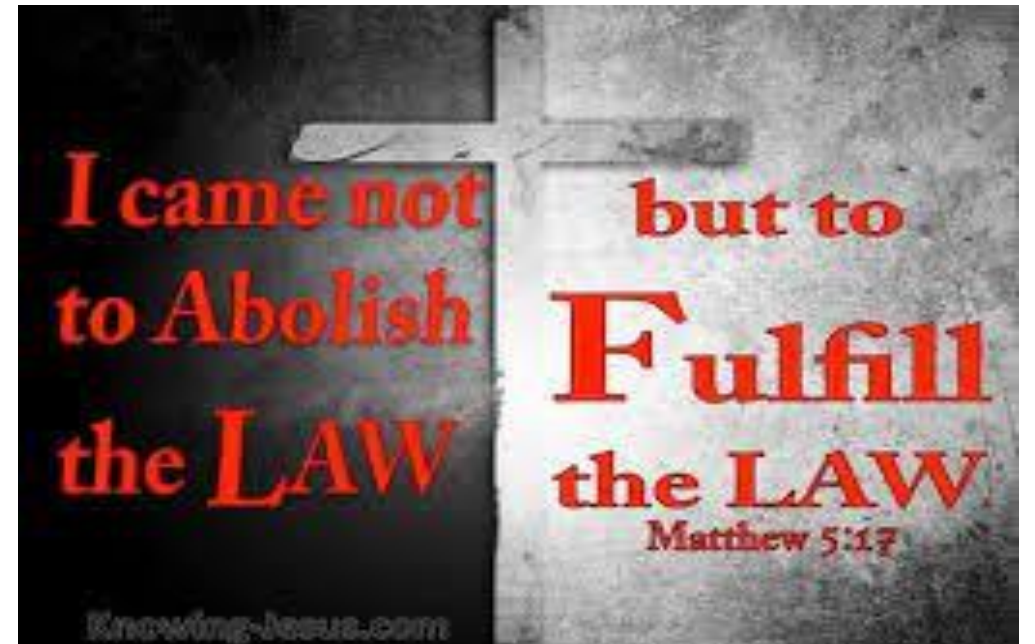
Christ on the Cross

***fulfils the just
requirements of the law***

Christ Fulfils the law!

Matthew 5:17-18

¹⁷ ***“Do not think that I have come to
abolish the Law or the Prophets;
I have not come to abolish them
but to fulfill them.***



We Fulfil the Law!

In A Fresh New Way!

God's way!

**Through faith in Jesus Christ
by the Spirit's power**





SALVATION

SAVED BY GRACE ALONE

THROUGH FAITH ALONE

IN CHRIST ALONE

ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE ALONE

FOR THE GLORY OF GOD ALONE

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BY GRACE
THROUGH FAITH



No Boasting!

No Discrimination!

It Unites Us!

**We Honour and Obey
the Law His Way**

In Christ Alone
Our Hope is Found!

***Christ on the cross
presents us faultless
before God
inexpressibly pure,
absolutely righteous,
and profoundly justified!***

