

“Grateful for Grace”
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Romans 3:21-26

Introduction

- **I Corinthians 15:10** But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God *which was* with me.

II Corinthians 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich

1. **God’s Plan**

- **Romans 3:21** But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets

God’s plan is:

A) Precise - “Now”

B) Predicated - “Witnessed”

2. **God’s Provision**

- **Romans 3:22-23** ven the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all^[a] who believe. For there is no difference; ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

Provided the human race with:

A) An Intercessor - “Through”

- **I Timothy 2:5** For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the* Man Christ Jesus
- **I John 2:1** My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

B) An Invitation - “To all”

- **Acts 10:34** Then Peter opened *his* mouth and said: “In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality.
- **Romans 10:10-13** For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.”^[a] ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. ¹³For “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”

C) An Indictment - “All”

3. **God’s Payment**

- **Romans 3: 24-25b** being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom 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

His Payment paid for my:

A) Freedom - "Justified"

- **John 8:36** Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

B) Forgiveness - "Grace"

- **Acts 10:43** To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins."

C) Future - "In Jesus"

4. God's Patience

- **Romans 3:25c-26** 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, ²⁶to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Reveals His:

A) Restraint - "Forbearance"

B) Righteousness - "R-ness"