

# The Righteousness of God

The 2 Best Words  
You'll Ever Hear

## Romans 3:21-31 (ESV)

<sup>21</sup> **But now** the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it — <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup> It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

**"But now"** ... The moment when everything changes

*"Revealed" by the Law, we sense our desperate need for \_\_\_\_\_.*

*The "rightness" with God we lack (and can't reach) is now offered to us as a \_\_\_\_\_!*

*For every flawed, imperfect, sinful person, there is opportunity to be \_\_\_\_\_.  
Not " \_\_\_\_\_ ", but totally \_\_\_\_\_.*

## How?

### Romans 5:6-11 (ESV)

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — <sup>8</sup> but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup> More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

*From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_!*

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## Justice or mercy?

### Romans 3:25-26b (ESV)

<sup>26</sup> ... so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

*The critical truth:*

*Only through the Cross and the Empty Tomb can we ...*

## Conclusion: What now?

### Romans 4:5 (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> However, to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness.

### Romans 10:9-10 (ESV)

<sup>9</sup> ... if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.