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Our unfaithfulness does not nullify God's faithfulness.

### God's work will be done with or without us!

### Romans 3:21-31

<sup>21</sup> But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. <sup>22</sup> This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. <sup>25</sup> God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—<sup>26</sup> 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.

<sup>27</sup> Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. <sup>28</sup> For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law. <sup>29</sup> Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles too? Yes, of Gentiles too, <sup>30</sup> since there is only one God, who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith. <sup>31</sup> Do we, then, nullify the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law.

The law itself can't make us righteous. It was given to us to expose our sin, so we could see our need for forgiveness.

The way to be declared "Not Guilty" is by faith in Jesus Christ.

There is no hierarchy in how the Lord sees us.

Justified: Declared not guilty.

As if there were never any charges!

Redemption: the act of saving or being saved. To regain possession of something in exchange for payment.



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#### 2 Corinthians 5:21

<sup>21</sup> God made him who had no sin to be sin<sup>[a]</sup> for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

#### Footnotes

a. Or be a sin offering

### **Ephesians 1:4-8**

<sup>4</sup> For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding

Long before God formed the earth, before He laid down the earth's foundations, He had you in mind. You were the focus of his love. Because of His love, His intent was, and still is, to make you whole. By His own volition, He adopted you into his family through His Son, Jesus Christ. He took great pleasure in doing so! He rolled up His sleeves and planned the whole thing – start to finish. His Son, Jesus, purchased all this lavishness by the sacrifice of His own blood. He did it so you would be free - declared not guilty!

### John 1:29

<sup>29</sup> The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

We can say with clarity and confidence: God is not mad at me!

Jesus' sacrifice made us "at one" with God. God made us in His image. Sin tarnished that image. Jesus purchased that image back.

God's righteousness demands punishment for sin.

We bring nothing to the table.

### **Ephesians 2:8-9**

<sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast.



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