

God's Restoring Righteousness

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Romans 3:9-26

We all look pretty good when we are at our best. But how often have people seen us at our worst? We don't like to think about it, but those "worst" moments define us to the core. Romans chapter 3 hits us with hard truths: "There is no one righteous—not even one" (Romans 3:10). We leave "ruin and misery" in our wake and are accountable to God (Romans 3:16, 19).

We may strive to keep the Law, and we will always fall short, but there is good news! There is a new righteousness that has come from God (Romans 3:21). It is greater than the Law, and it cannot be earned. Yet it is ours to receive and keep.

Our sin was carried by God's innocent Son upon the cross. It was justly condemned and put to death in His body. Therefore, God is free to bestow on us the very righteousness of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:21). What is more, God raised Jesus from the dead to break all power that sin once held over us. God justifies all who come to Him through faith in the atoning work of Christ (Romans 3:25-26).

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