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Romans 3:23-27 ESV

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 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. 26 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. 27 Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith.

Vs. 23 Depravity: The innate corruption of human nature.

- Sin: *Hamartia* in Greek, *Khata* in Hebrew, both mean “to miss the mark.”

Vs. 24 Justification: Declared righteous in the sight of God.

Proverbs 17:15 *“He who justifies the wicked and he who condemns the righteous are both alike an abomination to the Lord.”*

- The great question of scripture is: How can God justify the wicked and still be just?

Vs. 25-26 Propitiation: The satisfying of divine justice to make us right with God.

- Jesus had to be fully God, so that he could bear the justice of God; he had to be fully human, so that he could do it on our behalf.

Leviticus 17:14 *“For the life of every creature is its blood: its blood is its life.”*

Hebrews 10:4 *“It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.”*

Hebrews 9:12 *“With his own blood — not the blood of goats and calves — he entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and secured our redemption forever.”*

Vs. 27 Faith: An act of relational trust towards God.

- Boasting elevates the self, judging elevates the self, but faith elevates God.