

IN THE COURTROOM

Romans 3:19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

Romans 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

Romans 3:21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;

Romans 3:22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Romans 3:24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

Romans 3:28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

Romans 3:29 Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also:

Romans 3:30 Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith.

Romans 3:31 Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.

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I. We instinctively / intuitively know we will face judgment!

Either justification or condemnation!

Not guilty of guilty!

This is true in all major religions...

II. We are not justified by the law / by doing good works!

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Romans 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law **there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for** by the law is the knowledge (ἐπίγνωσις ἁμαρτίας) of sin.

The Law does not justify!

In fact, the Law cannot justify!

The Law can only condemn!

- The Law **eliminates** our excuses!
- The Law **establishes** our guilt!
- The Law **exacerbates** our sin & sinfulness!

III. (Instead) We are justified by faith!

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Romans 3:28			JBFA
Romans 4:1-5			JBFA
Romans 4:6-8			JBFA
Galatians 2:16			JBFA
Galatians 3:6			JBFA
Galatians 3:11			JBFA

Text:	Who:	When:	How:
Romans 3:28	US	After the law	JBFA
Romans 4:1-5	Abraham	Before the law	JBFA
Romans 4:6-8	David	During the law	JBFA
Galatians 2:16	Us	After the law	JBFA
Galatians 3:6	Abraham	Before the law	JBFA
Galatians 3:11	Habakkuk	During the law	JBFA

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Romans 4:1 What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found? **Romans 4:2** For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; **but not before God.** **Romans 4:3** **For what saith the scripture?** Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. **Romans 4:4** Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, **but** of debt. **Romans 4:5** **But** to him that worketh not, **but believeth** on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

Romans 4:6 **Even as** David **also** describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness **without** works, **Romans 4:7** Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. **Romans 4:8** Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

Galatians 2:16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, **but by the faith of Jesus Christ**, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: **for** by the works of the law shall **no flesh** be justified.

Galatians 3:6 **Even as** Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

Galatians 3:11 But that **no man** is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: **for**, **The just shall live by faith.**

IV. We are justified because of Christ!

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Romans 3:24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

This is not faith in faith!

This is not just faith!

This is faith in Christ!

This is faith in Christ alone!

Romans 3:27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.

Romans 3:28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified **by faith (πίσται)** without the deeds of the law.

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Romans 3:30 Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision **by (ἐκ πίστεως) faith**, and uncircumcision **through (διὰ τῆς πίστεως) faith**. **Romans 3:31** Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.

Scripture uses:

by faith (πίσται)

by (ἐκ πίστεως) faith

through (διὰ τῆς πίστεως) faith

Scripture never uses:

κατὰ πίστιν