

THE CROSS & JUSTIFICATION ROMANS 3:24-26

Justification: a legal term, from the courtroom, you & I are on trial → & are guilty. God declares us righteous in Christ by grace alone, through faith alone!

The **cross** makes this **possible**!

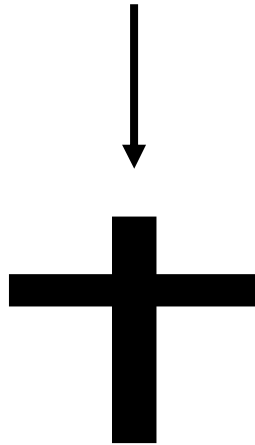
1. God's wrath towards man's sin is **satisfied** – at the **Cross**!

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

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*Reading a book on world religions – I was reminded once again of the universal of all world religions...

All world religion are attempting to “ascend up to god!”



Christianity is the opposite.

God descends down to & for man!

2. God's righteousness is **confirmed** in forgiving sins BC & AD – at the **Cross**!

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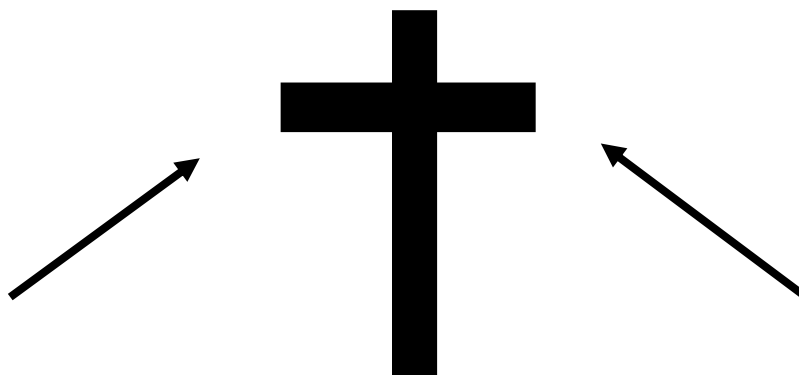
through the forbearance of God;

To declare, I say,... his righteousness

Implied: (for the forgiveness of sins)

at this time

Implied (through the “death of Christ)



How can God be righteous concerning sins forgiven **before** the Cross?
The Double Declaration!!!

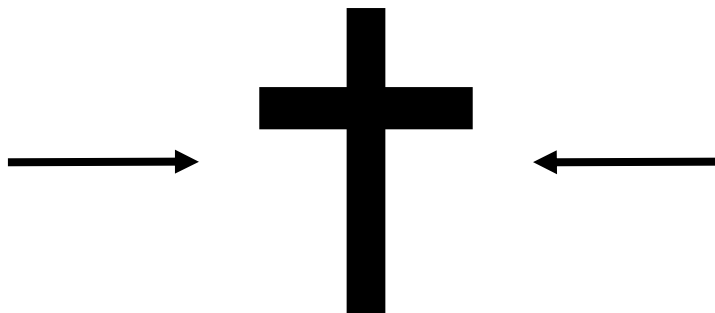
| BC | AD |
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| Looking forward | Looking Back |
| Saved by prophecy | Saved by history |
| What Christ would do | What Christ has done |
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| <u>Romans 3:25</u> ... to declare his righteousness for <u>the remission</u> (τὴν ἀρῆσιν τῶν προγεγονότων ἁμαρτημάτων) of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; | <u>Romans 3:26</u> To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness... |

3. God's justice & love meet together – at the Cross!

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Romans 3:26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: **that** he might be just, **and** the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.



Psalms 85:10 Mercy **and** truth are met together; Righteousness **and** peace have kissed each other.

Isaiah 45:21 Tell ye, and bring them near; Yea, let them take counsel together: Who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? **Have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; A just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.** **Isaiah 45:22** Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: For I am God, and there is none else.

Zechariah 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: **Behold, thy King cometh unto thee: He is just, and having salvation;** Lowly, and riding upon an ass, And upon a colt the foal of an ass.