The Divine Method of Justification Romans 3:21-31

Christ took our Punishment on Himself

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- 21 But now God has shown us a way
 to be made right with Him
 without keeping the requirements of the law,
 as was promised in the writings of Moses
 and the prophets long ago.
- We are <u>made right with God</u>
 by <u>placing our faith</u> in <u>Jesus Christ</u>.
 And this is true for everyone who <u>believes</u>,
 no matter who we are.

- 23 For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.
- 24 Yet God freely and graciously declares that we are righteous.

He did this through Christ Jesus when He freed us from the penalty for our sins.

25 For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin.

People are <u>made right</u> with God when <u>they believe</u> that <u>Jesus sacrificed His life</u>, shedding <u>His blood</u>.

This sacrifice shows that

God was being fair when He held back

& did not punish those who sinned in times past,

26 for He was looking ahead and including them in what He would do in this present time.

God did this to demonstrate His righteousness, for He Himself is fair and just, and He declares sinners to be right in His sight when they believe in Jesus.

27 Can we boast, then, that we have done anything to be accepted by God?

No, because our <u>acquittal</u> is not based on obeying the law. It is <u>based on faith</u>.

28 So we are made right with God through faith and not by obeying the law.

29 After all, is God the God of the Jews only? Isn't He also the God of the Gentiles?
Of course He is.

There is only one God, and He makes people right with Himself only by faith, whether they are Jews or Gentiles.



Well then, if we emphasize <u>faith</u>, does this mean that we can forget about the <u>law</u>?

Of course not!

In fact, only when we have faith do we truly fulfill the law.

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