

GOD'S PROVISION FOR SINNERS

Romans 3:21 - 5:21

Having shown that the whole world, Jews and Gentiles alike, are under the condemnation of God, and that it is impossible for them to be saved by the works of the law since no one keeps the law, Paul proceeds with his outline of the gospel:

A. Righteousness Made Possible: Read Romans 3:21-31

1. Since men could not be made righteous by the law, how did God make righteousness possible? Romans 3:21-22a, 28

2. Who then could be *justified* (declared righteous)? Romans 3:22b, 26b, 30

B. An Example of this Righteousness: Read Romans 4:1-8

1. Whom did Paul use as an example of this righteousness? Romans 4:1

2. Was Abraham justified by his works? Romans 4:2a, 4

3. If he had been, what would he have been able to do? Romans 4:2b

4. But how was Abraham justified? Romans 4:3, 5

5. Who else, who lived after the law was given, also realized the truth of this way of obtaining righteousness? Romans 4:6-8

C. Who Can Obtain This Righteousness: Read Romans 4:9-25

1. The question naturally arises, "For whom has God made this righteousness possible? For the Jews only, who were circumcised? Or for the Gentiles also, who were not circumcised?" When did Abraham receive this righteousness? Romans 4:10

2. Why did he later receive the sign of circumcision? Romans 4:11a

3. Is it possible for others who have not been circumcised to be declared righteous? Romans 4:11b

4. On what basis? Romans 4:12b

5. On what basis did Abraham receive the promise that he should be the heir of the world? Romans 4:13

6. Did Abraham have any natural reason to believe that God would fulfill His promise to make him the father of many nations? Romans 4:18-19

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7. Yet why did he believe this promise? Romans 4:20-21

8. What did he receive as a result? Romans 4:22

9. For whose sake are these things recorded in the Old Testament? Romans 4:23-24a

10. What is it that makes possible this justification? Romans 4:24b-25

D. The Results of This righteousness: Read Romans 5:1-11

1. What three things become ours as soon as we receive Jesus' righteousness or justification?
Romans 5:1, 2a, 5b

2. What three things does this justification enable us to do throughout life? Romans 5:2b, 3a,
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3. What hope does it give us concerning the future? Romans 5:9

4. What was the result of Adam's sin? Romans 5:12, 18a, 19a

5. But what was made possible through Jesus' righteousness and obedience? Romans 5:18b,
19b, 6:23

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Have I accepted God's wonderful provision of righteousness and justification?

2. Am I enjoying the benefits of this justification in my life from day to day?
