

**The Glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ**  
**A Survey of the Book of Romans**  
**The Good News Explained**  
***Romans 3:19-31***

Remind us: What is the Good New?  
Romans 1:16-17

Gaining Righteousness: How we cannot gain it!  
Romans 3:19-20

Gaining Righteousness: The only way we can gain it!  
Romans 3:21-26

- You are Justified (declared righteous) . . . (used 15 times in Romans 2-8)
  - By the Grace of God
  - Through Faith in Jesus
- By Means of the Redemption accomplished by Jesus, . . .
- Because He Became our Mercy Seat.

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***Digging Deeper into Romans 3:19-31***

**Read Romans 3:19-31**

This passage is a definition and expansion of Paul's statement in 1:16-17 regarding the Gospel. Let's explore three terms that are key to Paul's definition.

**1. Justification**

Read Rom. 3:20 & 23-24. The verb "justify" is used 15 times in Romans 2-8. It is essential to understand. It means to be "declared righteous." *How can God just declare us righteous when Rom 3:10 says we are not righteous?* Read Romans 8:1-4 to see how God did this (*hint: the term "righteous requirements" in 8:4 is a noun form of the verb "to justify" in 3:24*)

- *Discuss the role the Grace and Faith play in our being declared righteous.*

**2 Redemption**

"Redemption" has the basic sense of "to liberate by paying a price." This word and words related to it (e.g., "ransom") are used to describe the purchasing of a slave and setting him free. Jesus redeemed us by paying the ransom for our sins. Discuss what it means to be free in Christ. Does that mean that we can do whatever we want?

**3. Propitiation**

The Greek word "propitiation" is often translated as "a sacrifice of atonement." In the Greek translation of the OT, it is the word chosen to translate the "mercy seat" where the high priest poured blood once a year on the Day of Atonement. Discuss how Jesus is our mercy seat and discuss the significance that his blood plays in our salvation.

- *To end the study, read through Hebrews chapter 9 in its entirety to see how Jesus accomplished our salvation.*