

Double cure.

Romans 3:21-26

The Righteousness of God Through Faith

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

But now

- God's righteousness is made clear in Jesus Christ – 3:21-22
But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction:
 - Jesus is what the Law looks like – 3:21a *But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law,*
 - Jesus is where the Law and the Prophets pointed – 3:21b *although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—*

- Jesus has a standing open invitation for all without distinction – 3:22 *the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction:*
- No one measures up to Jesus Christ – 3:23 *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*
 - This is why an open invitation is necessary.
 - The cure is as vast as the problem.
- Everyone can receive God’s grace through faith in Jesus Christ – 3:24-25 *and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.*

“Those who ignore or minimize the problem inherent in a holy God accepting sinners may well heed Anselm’s own warning: “You have not yet considered the weight of sin.”” – Douglas J. Moo¹

- Everyone can be confident in both God’s grace and justice – 3:26 *It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.*

“Be of sin the double cure, Save from wrath, and make me pure.”
– Rock of Ages

¹ Douglas J. Moo, *The Epistle to the Romans, The New International Commentary on the New Testament* (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1996), 242.