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# FAITH AND JUSTIFICATION: THE WAY FOR THE WORLD TO BE RIGHT WITH GOD

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[Romans 3:21-5:21](#)

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## B. Faith: The Way that Puts an End to Human Boasting and Pride, to Self-Righteousness and Works, [Romans 3:27-31](#)

**Romans 3:27-31 (NASB)**

<sup>27</sup> “Where then is boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith.

<sup>28</sup> For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.

<sup>29</sup> Or is God *the God* of Jews only? Is He not *the God* of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also,

<sup>30</sup> since indeed God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith is one.

<sup>31</sup> Do we then nullify the Law through faith? May it never be! On the contrary, we establish the Law.”

**(Romans 3:27-31) Introduction:** one of the most powerful forces in all the world is faith. This passage discusses the power of faith, revealing four things that faith does.

1. **Faith excludes boasting (v.27).**
2. **Faith justifies a man without the works of the law (v.28).**
3. **Faith reveals only one God, who deals with all equally (v.29-30).**
4. **Faith upholds and establishes the law (v.31).**

## 2. **(Romans 3:28) Faith— Justification: faith justifies a man without the works of the law.**

**Romans 3:28 (NASB)**

<sup>28</sup> “For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.”

This is of extreme importance. A man is justified by faith and not by the deeds of the law. Boasting shows this. Who is to be praised and set up as the subject of glory? Is man the one in whom to boast? Is man the one who is to be glorified?

If man created himself and saved himself from sin and death by his own works and deeds, then he is the one to be glorified. **But what man can do these things?** Man did not make himself nor can man save himself. When we consider that man is corruptible, and that man can do nothing beyond this life, then boasting is excluded.

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Therefore, man is not justified before God by the deeds of the law; he is justified by faith—by believing in God and His righteousness.

**Thought 1.** Despite the great ability and all the marvelous achievements of man, man is still unable to control things morally, unable to live in love, joy, and peace with others. He is unable to control the shame and devastation of selfishness and greed, disease and accident, sin and death.

Man's only hope is to come before God...

- 1) not boasting and glorying in self but bowing in all humility.
- 2) believing in the law of faith: that God saves and justifies man by believing in the righteousness of Jesus Christ.

**Genesis 15:6 (NASB)**

<sup>6</sup> “Then he [Abraham] **believed** in the LORD; and He **reckoned** it to him as righteousness.”

**Acts 13:39 (NASB)**

<sup>39</sup> “And through Him everyone who believes is freed from all things, from which you could not be freed through the Law of Moses.”

**Romans 3:28 (NASB)**

<sup>28</sup> “For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.”

**Romans 5:1 (NASB)**

<sup>1</sup> “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

**1 Corinthians 6:11 (NASB)**

<sup>11</sup> “Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.”

**Galatians 3:24 (NASB)**

<sup>24</sup> “Therefore the Law has become our tutor *to lead us* to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith.”

### **3. (Romans 3:29-30) God, Nature— Universal Father— Impartial: faith reveals only one God who deals with all equally.**

**Romans 3:29-30 (NASB)**

<sup>29</sup> “Or is God *the God* of Jews only? Is He not *the God* of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also,

<sup>30</sup> since indeed God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith is one.”

**1. God created everyone; therefore, He is the God of all.** There is not one God of the Jew (religionist) and another God of the Gentile. There are not different gods of the races and nations of the world, not a different god of Africa and a different god of India, and a different god for Arabs, and a different god for Americans and on and on. Imagine the foolishness of such an idea! Yet how common the idea is!

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There is only one God who created the universe and only one God who is the God of all mankind.

- a. There is only one God who created all things: “**God, the Father, from whom are all things and we exist for Him**” ([1 Corinthians 8:6](#)).  
[1 Corinthians 8:6 \(NASB\)](#)  
<sup>6</sup> “Yet for us there is *but* one God, the Father, from whom are all things and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him.”
- b. There is only one God who has made all men alike: “**And He made from one man every nation of mankind**” ([Acts 17:26](#)).  
[Acts 17:26 \(NASB\)](#)  
<sup>26</sup> “And He made from one *man* every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined *their* appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation.”
- c. There is only one God “**in Him we live and move and exist**” ([Acts 17:28](#)).  
[Acts 17:28 \(NASB\)](#)  
<sup>28</sup> “For in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we also are His children.’”  
[Matthew 23:9 \(NASB\)](#)  
<sup>9</sup> “Do not call *anyone* on earth your father [god]; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven.”  
[Ephesians 4:6 \(NASB\)](#)  
<sup>6</sup> “One God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.”  
[Hebrews 12:9 \(NASB\)](#)  
<sup>9</sup> “Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live?”  
[Malachi 2:10 \(NASB\)](#)  
<sup>10</sup> “Do we not all have one father? Has not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously each against his brother so as to profane the covenant of our fathers?”

2. God is the *only* God; therefore, all are justified in the *same* way—by faith. God does not play favorites and show partiality. God does not make it more difficult for some to be saved. God is God; that is, He is perfectly just and equitable in all His dealings.

- a. There “**is [only] one God, who shall justify the circumcision by faith and the uncircumcision through faith**” ([Romans 3:30](#)).  
[Romans 3:30 \(NASB\)](#)  
<sup>30</sup> “Since indeed God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith is one.”
- b. “**There is [only] one God, and one Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus**” ([1 Timothy 2:5](#)).

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**1 Timothy 2:5 (NASB)**

<sup>5</sup>“For there is one God, *and* one mediator also between God and men, *the* man Christ Jesus.”

**Acts 10:34 (NASB)**

<sup>34</sup>“Opening his mouth, Peter said: “I most certainly understand *now* that God is not one to show partiality.”

**Acts 15:9 (NASB)**

<sup>9</sup>“And He [God] made no distinction between us and them, cleansing their hearts by faith.”

**Romans 2:11 (NASB)**

<sup>11</sup>“For there is no partiality with God.”

**Romans 10:12-13 (NASB)**

<sup>12</sup>“For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same *Lord* is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him;

<sup>13</sup> for “WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.”

The point is this. When a man trusts God to save him and to count him righteous in Christ, that man’s faith proves...

- 1) that God is, that there is only one true and living God.
- 2) that God treats all men equally; that he, the sinner, is saved just like all other believers.