



ROM. 1:16

*“I am not ashamed of the Gospel,  
because it is the power of God  
for the salvation  
of everyone who believes:*

*first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.”*

# WHERE WERE WE? MISSION IMPOSSIBLE

“There is no one righteous, not even one”


“...the way of peace they do not know.”

“...the whole world held accountable to God.”



# UNASHAMED: RAGS TO RICHES

Romans 3:21-31



“No one will be declared righteous in His sight by observing the Law; rather through the Law we become conscious of sin.”

Often simply defined as being ‘right’ in God’s eyes, righteousness is “the state of perfectly conforming to God’s perfect Law and holy character.” (MacArthur)

# WHAT GIVES US HOPE

This right standing...

Comes from God (the One we offended)

Is NOT dependent upon the Law (Awesome news!)

Is revealed (purposely exposed)

Testified to by Law and Prophets (Matt 5:17)

Comes through faith in Jesus (Eph. 2:8-9)

Is available to ALL who believe

## ONCE AGAIN

“Believe” Not mere mental assent, because even demons do that (James 2:19)

MacArthur states, “it is the deep personal conviction, without reservation, that Jesus is that person’s own Master or Sovereign.” Saving faith includes repentance, trust and submission.

# WHAT ELSE WE KNOW ABOUT IT

No one gets a pass. ALL are in desperate need (3:23)

BUT

No one who truly believes gets passed over!

ALL are justified (a legal declaration)

BY His grace (not your earning)

Justification includes

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Pardon from guilt


Release from penalty of sin

How? Our sin was put on Him (2 Cor. 5:21)

Christ's righteousness was credited to our account

(See Luke 15:22)





THROUGH the redemption (picture the slave market, where an individual could purchase – and release – a slave. No longer slaves to sin!)

BY Christ Jesus!

Notice how He keeps popping up in ‘our’ story...

It’s only ever been through Jesus



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God presented Him (Isaiah 53; John 3:16; Col. 2:13-15; Eph. 2:4-5) as the sacrifice of atonement

Through faith in His BLOOD (Heb 9:11ff)

Don't miss His mercy here!



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God is both just (Sin bears a death penalty – Rom.  
6:23)

And the Justifier (That penalty was fully satisfied on  
the Cross, allowing those who truly believe to be  
declared 'right' in the eyes of Holy God)



VSS. 27-31

In case there is any remaining confusion,  
Paul clears it up here...