

# **“Beating Justification into Our Heads”**

**Romans 3:21-28**

*“There is more theology compressed into these six verses than into any other comparable segment of Paul’s writings. Here we encounter the central thrust of his message. To understand what Paul is teaching in this section is to have a firm grasp on the essence of the Christian faith. Everything flows from this theological center.”*

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3:21 But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. <sup>22</sup> This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

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1:17 For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”



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*“This is the truth of the gospel. It is the principal article of all Christian doctrine ... it is most necessary, therefore, that we should know this article well, teach it unto others, and beat it into their heads continually.” – Martin Luther*

# BEAT IT





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Justification is the judicial act of God whereby he declares righteous the believing sinner at the moment of salvation. God justifies the believer, pardoning him, acquitting him, and accepting him as righteous.

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## **The Procedure in Justification**

- The Plan - God’s plan centers on Jesus
- The Prerequisite – Faith

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3:22 ... There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. <sup>25</sup> God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—



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- The Price – the death of Jesus
- Our Position - We are ‘in Christ’

<sup>26</sup> he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

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- The Pronouncement – Justified!

<sup>27</sup> Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. <sup>28</sup> For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.