

Romans 3:19-31



Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

have sinned = aorist act indicative. Same phrase as Rom 5:12 = all sinned.

Fall short = present passive indicative = are falling short (continuing action).


Romans 3:24 being justified freely by His
grace through the redemption that is in Christ
Jesus


Simul iustus et peccator

Luther described this state as being
“simultaneously justified and sinful at the same
time.”

Being justified = although being justified, or while being justified.

1. Justification means to vindicate, acquit, declare free from a penalty, to declare righteous.
2. Justification is the judicial, legal act of God in which He declares, on the basis of the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, that all the claims of divine righteousness and justice are satisfied with respect to the sinner. The one who believes in Christ is declared righteous. This is based on imputation.

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3. Justification is the recognition by God that the believer in Jesus has His perfect righteousness. Therefore, God then makes the declaration that we are righteous and therefore free from the penalty for sin.
 4. The declaration of God in justification applies to all sins of the believer, past, present and future; and therefore includes the removal of every penalty (Romans 5:21; 8:1, 32-34; Hebrews 10:14; Psalm 103:12; Isaiah 44:22).



The word "justify" never means to make one righteous or holy, but to declare one righteous. Justification is *not* a change God makes in us, but a change of our relation to God.

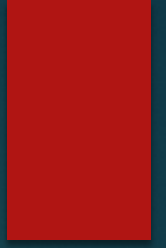
God declares righteous the ungodly man who ceases from all works, and believes in Christ. God 'justifies the ungodly' (Rom 4:5).

Being justified freely by His grace through
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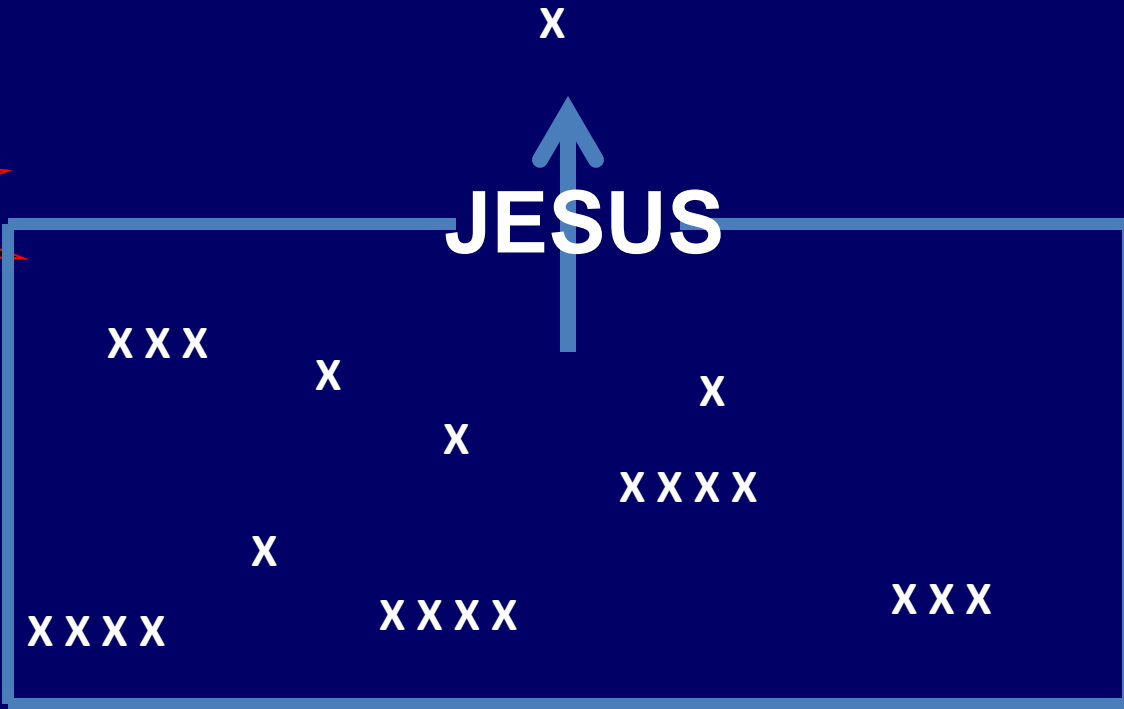
Freely — given as a gift, without payment, gratis

by His grace = what God is free to give on the
basis of the work of Christ on the cross.

through the redemption that is in Christ
Jesus



Free man



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Slave Market of Sin

REDEEM/REDEMPTION

THREE ASPECTS: CONTEXT DETERMINES WHICH IS IN VIEW

1. PAYMENT OF PRICE
2. RELEASE FROM BONDAGE
3. RELEASE FROM BONDAGE AFTER PAYMENT OF PRICE

1. PAYMENT OF PRICE — Ransom or bought at a price

Mk. 10:45 = Mt. 20:28; 1 Tim 2:6; 1 Cor 6:20; 2 Pet 2:1

But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who **bought** them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.

Redemption = payment of price, ransom

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a **ransom** for many.” Mark 10:45

who gave Himself a **ransom** for all ... 1 Timothy 2:6

For you were **bought at a price**; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

1 Corinthians 6:20

2. RELEASE FROM BONDAGE

Ephesians 1:7, 14; 4:30; Colossians 1:14;
Galatians 3:13; 4:5; Romans 3:24

Redemption = liberation, release from bondage

In Him we have **redemption** through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace. Eph 1:7

Being justified freely by His grace through the **redemption** that is in Christ Jesus.

Romans 3:24

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Christ has **redeemed** us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”

Gal 3:1-3

to **redeem** those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

Galatians 4:5

3. RELEASE FROM BONDAGE AFTER
PAYMENT OF PRICE (1 Peter 1:18; Titus 2:14)

knowing that you were not **redeemed** with corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers, 1 Peter 1:18


who gave Himself for us, that He might **redeem** us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for good works. Titus 2:14



Being justified freely by His grace through
the redemption that is **in Christ Jesus**

The redemption that is in Christ Jesus is the means
God used to bring the gift of justification to human
beings.

This stresses the fact that God provided redemption
by supplying the payment.



Rom 3:25-26: whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

whom God **set forth** = to set forth, to
purpose, plan, design



as a **propitiation** by His blood


The Greek word for *propitiation* carries the meaning of satisfaction.

This particular word means the place of satisfaction.

The LXX uses it of the lid on the ark of the covenant which was sprinkled with the blood of the sin offering on the Day of Atonement (Ex 25:16ff) — translated “mercy seat.” See Heb 9:5



Ark of
the Covenant



1 John 2:2, And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

1 John 4:10, In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.



By His blood through faith

By His blood = the means by which God is propitiated. Blood refers to the death of Christ paying the penalty for sins.

through faith = the means by which we are redeemed and justified.

Romans 3:25-26

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