

Get Saved, Stay Saved, Always Be Ready

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I. Get Saved:

A. In the first three chapters of Romans, Paul shows that the Gentiles, moral people and the Jews are all are under God's condemnation. Then he gives the good news of the gospel!

B. Read Romans 3:21–28 than answer the following:

1. Where was the “righteousness of God” manifested?
2. Was the “righteousness of God” manifested in the Old Testament?
3. What do you think the difference is between “manifested” and “witnessed” as used here in Romans?
4. Read Rom. 3:22. With this verse well in mind, compare it to the following verses: Mt. 5:20; 48; Mt. 19:16–26 Phil 3:8, 9; Rom. 10:3, 4
 - a. How can a person reach the required standard of perfection set for us by Jesus?
 - b. Explain how the Jews missed achieving the “righteousness of God”.
 - c. What can we learn from the failure of the Jews?
 - d. To whom is the “righteousness of God” made available?
5. Read Rom. 3:23. This verse in Greek has the following meaning: “All have sinned (in the past) and all *continue* (in the present) to fall short of the glory of God.”
 - a. Why do you think Paul placed this verse immediately following what he declared in verse 21? Can you think of a reason?
 - b. In Rom. 3:23 Paul says that we fall short of the “glory of God”. Read 2 Cor. 3:6–18. and then answer the following:
 - 1) In the old covenant where was the manifestation of glory?
 - 2) In the new covenant with what is the glory associated? Compare Lk. 24:26
 - 3) Where do we now look for glory? Compare Heb. 1:1–3.
 - 4) How do we “unveil” our face?

- 5) What happens to us when we keep our focus on the glory of the Lord, the Spirit?
6. Read Rom. 3:24 and answer the following:
- In the context of Rom. 3:21-28, what do you think “justified” means?
 - Upon what basis does God extend the blessings of justification?
 - Where is redemption centered?
7. Read Rom. 3:25, 26. There is a lot of theology in these verses. Before we ask specific questions, however, we must settle, once and for all, the kind of people God justifies. To do this read Rom. 5:6-10 and list 4 one-word characteristics of the people God justifies.
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 - The Bible is clear that God is *both* merciful and just. We saw in Rom. 5 (above) that God justifies helpless, ungodly, sinners who are still enemies of God. Now, in your own words taken from the truths of Rom. 3:25, 26, explain how God can be just while justifying sinners who are still sinning.
 - Why do you think God made a “public” demonstration of His justice?
 - When was the question of God’s justice settled?
 - Were God’s justice and mercy settled once and for all at the cross?
8. Read Rom. 3:27, 28.
- What do you think Paul had in mind when he mentioned “boasting”? Compare Lk. 18:9–14.
 - Why is boasting excluded?
 - Does justification have anything to do with Old Testament law? Review the following: Rom. 3:21; 4:13, 14; 9:30, 31; Gal. 2:21; 5:4; Phil. 3:9.

C. What must we do to be saved?

1. Rom. 10:9, 13
2. Acts 16:30, 31
3. Ti. 3:5.
4. Are the requirements for being saved within the reach of all?
5. Is the gospel of salvation good news that can be proclaimed or good advice about what we must do? Explain your answer.

D. Can we know that we are now saved and now have eternal life?

1. Jn.6:47.
2. 1 Jn. 5:11, 12.

II. Stay Saved. How do we stay saved?

A. Col. 1:21–23.

B. Col. 2:6, 7.

C. Rom. 5:8–11:

1. According to Paul, which is more certain?
 - a. Being reconciled to God through the death of Christ?
 - b. Those who have been reconciled to God will remain saved?
2. By whose life are we saved?
3. When do (did) we receive “reconciliation”?

III. Always be ready. Can we be ready for Christ to come all at all times?

A. Lk. 12:40.

B. 1 Thes. 3:11–13.

C. 1 Jn. 2:28.

D. 1 Jn. 4:15–17.

E. How do we get ready for the second coming?

F. What if we do not understand all the details of last day events.

1. Can we still be ready?

2. How?

IV. Questions to ponder:

A. Can I today have the assurance that I am saved and ready for Christ to come?

B. Which of the following two activities do you think will result in the most spiritual growth?

1. Focusing on the law and my own obedience?

2. Focusing on the finished work of Christ and my faith in what He has done?

3. Explain your choice.

4. If you have trouble answering this question then read the following verses and compile your own list of what new covenant Christians NOW have!

Jn. 6:47; 1 Jn. 5:13; Rom. 5:1; Rom. 5:10; Rom. 6:6; Rom. 6:11; Rom. 6:18, 22; 1 Jn. 3:8, 9; Rom. 7:4; Rom. 7:6; Rom. 7:6 (a second item); Rom. 8:1; Rom. 8:15; Rom. 8:37; Eph. 1:13; Eph. 2:8; Eph. 2:22; Eph. 1:4; Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:12, Col. 1:13; Eph. 4:8; Rom. 8:29!

5. Do you see why the gospel is GOOD NEWS?!