

How can I be right with God? Romans 3:21-31)

I How can I be justified/right with God?

2 but now, a righteousness from God has been made known 21-23

a but now 21

b a righteousness from God

Definitions

Noun: δικαιοσύνη, righteousness/to be right with

Verb: δικαίω, to justify

When one is justified, one is not made righteous, nor treated as righteous, but declared righteous!

Not so much: Right vs Wrong

But rather: Crown vs Criminal

c apart from law, to which the law and the prophets testify

d through faith in Jesus 22 cf Rom 3:26; Gal 2:16; 2:20; 3:22; Eph 3:12; Phil 3:9

e to all who believe

f for all have sinned 22b-23

3 How does God declare people righteous/justified? 24

a justify/declare righteous

b freely by his grace

c through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus

d God presented Jesus as a sacrifice of atonement cf Leviticus 16, Hebrews 9

ἱλαστήριον = mercy seat = place of propitiation

4 God's justice demonstrated 25b-26

a past

b present

5 How can I be right with God? 27-31

a Boasting? 27

b Faith? 28-31