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A Defense of Being Justified by Faith Romans 3:27-31

I. In What Then Shall We Boast? (vv. 27-28)

A. All boasting in self is to be _____ (v. 27a)
[Mic. 3:11; Matt. 3:9; 1 Cor. 1:28-29; Phil. 3:3]

B. All boasting in the law should be _____ (v. 27b)
[Rom. 2:17, 23; 4:2-3; Matt. 19:16-22]

C. All boasting must be in Christ and in the faith He _____ (v. 27c-28)
[Eph. 2:8-9; Gal. 6:14; Rev. 5:9-12; Rom. 3:21-25; Jms. 2:18]

II. How is God the God of the Jews and Gentiles? (vv. 29-30)

A. If God were a God of the Jews only, then the Gentiles would have
_____ chance (v. 29)
[Eph. 2:11-13; Isa. 49:6; 56:7; Rom. 2:9-11; Matt. 8:5-13]

B. Because there is only one God, He justifies all sinners in the
_____ way (v. 30)
[Deut. 6:4; Isa. 45:5; Gen. 22:18; Isa. 45:22; Rom. 4:9-12; Gal. 3:28]

III. Does This Mean That We Are to Now Overthrow the Law? (v. 31)

A. The Old Testament law should not be _____ (v. 31a)
[Lk. 20:16; Rom. 3:4-6]

B. The Old Testament law should be _____ (v. 32b)

1. By understanding that the law _____ to God's
holy character (Psa. 25:8; Rom. 7:12; Psa. 19:8)

2. By comprehending that the law is a _____ to lead us
to Christ (Gal. 2:16; 3:24)

3. By acknowledging that the law _____ perfect
obedience (Rom. 6:23; Heb. 9:22; Rom. 3:24-25)

TAKE HOME

- It humbles sinners and excludes _____
- It unites believers and excludes _____
- It upholds the law and excludes _____

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at placeritachurch.com.

1. Read Romans 3:27. Why is all boasting in ourselves to be excluded? Have you been tempted to boast in yourself? What does the Bible say about this? (Mic. 3:11; Matt. 3:9; 1 Cor. 1:28-29; Phil. 3:3)

2. Why were many of the Jews tempted to boast in the law? What do the Scriptures teach about that? (Rom. 2:17, 23; 4:2-3; Matt. 19:16-22)

3. Read Romans 3:28. Where should all our boasting be? How should we boast in Christ on a day to day basis? (Eph. 2:8-9; Gal. 6:14; Rev. 5:9-12; Rom. 3:21-25; Jms. 2:18)

4. Read Romans 3:29. Why would anyone say that God is a God of the Jews only? How would they even come up with an argument like that? How might we be tempted to do something similar today? (Eph. 2:11-13; Isa. 49:6; 56:7; Rom. 2:9-11; Matt. 8:5-13)

5. Read Romans 3:30. Why is this such an important statement to emphasize? How does this work out historically? (Deut. 6:4; Isa. 45:5; Gen. 22:18; Isa. 45:22; Rom. 4:9-12; Gal. 3:28)

6. Read Romans 3:31. What is this verse saying? Why don’t we overthrow the law? How are we to uphold the law? Lk. 20:16; Rom. 3:4-6; Psalms 25:8; Rom. 7:12; Psalms 19:8; Gal. 2:16; 3:24; Rom. 6:23; Heb. 9:22; Rom. 3:24-25)

7. Read the take home points. Which one encouraged you or challenged you the most? Why? How will you live differently this week based on what you have learned from this passage?

“Through the Law, God opens man’s eyes so that he sees his helplessness and by faith takes refuge to His mercy and so is healed... The Law was given, in order that we might seek after grace. Grace was given, in order that we might fulfill the Law. It was not the fault of the Law that it was not fulfilled, but the fault was man’s carnal mind. This guilt the Law must make manifest, in order that we may be healed by divine grace.”

- Martin Luther