



“The Anatomy of Salvation”

Justified Freely by His Grace

Romans 3:21-31

Salvation is all about the : *Glory, Gift, & Grace*

I. **G**lory – “come short of the glory of God” (verses 21-23)

Good GLORY verses:

Galatians 6:12-14;

God’s righteousness is :

- A. Shown – “*the righteousness of God...is manifested*”
- B. Supplied – “*unto all and upon all them that believe*”
- C. Success – “*are under sin*”

II. **G**ift – “For what if” (verses 24-26)

God freely gives us :

- A. Redemption – “*redemption that is in Christ Jesus*”
- B. Remission – “*a propitiation through faith in His blood*”
- C. Righteousness – “*the justifier of him which believes*”

III. **G**race – “the law of faith” (verses 27-31)

God says there is no difference in :

- A. Performance – “*where is the boasting*”
- B. People – “*Is He the God of the Jews only?*”
- C. Principle – “*Do we then make void the law*”

Possibly the best interpretation is to associate the glory with the divine presence and the privilege man originally had of direct communion with God. This ever-present deprivation is depicted in the restriction of the glory to the holy of holies in the tabernacle and the denial of the right of access to the people save through the high priest once a year. God's glory is the majesty of his holy person. To be cut off from this fellowship is *the* great loss occasioned by sin.

Verses 21-26 are one sentence which do not teach universal salvation for every person but instead universal need and salvation for all who believe as found at the end of the sentence (vs 26).

Lets say I will get tickets to go to a Chiefs game if you can hit the bullseye, not the target, but the bulls eye. Ok, Ok, maybe the Broncos game when they play the Chiefs, or lose to the Chiefs.

Lets say that you were a big Broncos or Chiefs fan and you really wanted to go. You get one shot and you must hit the bullseye. Would you be nervous, would you be able to?

Something I learned at Twin Peaks Bible Camp a few years ago about Archery competition from my Jr. High campers. They would shoot several arrows and the score was close in the running for first place. It was close and the real issue was not if they were going to hit the bullseye but how many times would they miss it. They were that good.

The word “harmartia” in the Greek speaks of just that miss of the bullseye. The scorers of the archery competition would not say much about a bullseye but when you missed you would hear a yell of “harmartia” or you missed! The rational was that you were probably not going to win and had fallen from contention.

Important Vocabulary for Romans 3:21-31

- *Sin*
 - *Hamartia = missing the mark, losing ones way*
 - *Hamartano = infringing on instructions given, lack of conformity, to err against God (3:23)*
 - *Righteousness*
 - *God's Character*
 - *A Declared Standing*
 - *Standards of right living*
 - *Glory of God*
 - *Magnificent presence of God*
 - *Being like God, image and character*
 - *Justified*
 - *To be Declared Righteous*
 - *To present as good and to hold harmless*
 - *To be Acquitted*
 - *Redemption*
 - *Liberation through payment of a price*
 - *Ransom paid and hostage freed*
 - *Propitiation*
 - *To satisfy God's just demands for holiness*
 - *To have a wrath averting sacrifice*
 - *Sprinkling of the blood on the mercy seat in the holy of holies*
 - *Remission*
 - *"passing over" like the Passover – Only time this Greek word used in N.T.*
 - *Other places Remission is Found is for the word for forgiveness*
 - *Matthew 26:28; Acts 10:43; Hebrews 9:22; 10:18*
 - *Grace – unearned or undeserved blessing*
- *Written to Christians*
 - *Clearly states only*
 - *Upon all them that believe*
 - *Of him which believes is Jesus*

It is not Universalism