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# The Bible & Your Salvation

## Scripture's Overarching Theme of Grace



1. Rest \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.21-22a)

2. Stop \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.22b-24a)

3. Celebrate \_\_\_\_\_ (v.24b)

Romans 3:21-24

<sup>21</sup> But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.

<sup>22</sup> This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. (NIV)

# Application Questions

*These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.*

1. What are some of the specific methods people utilize to attempt to "earn" their way into God's favor?

How would you reason with someone who told you that "Jesus helps him be good enough" to be accepted by God?

2. Read **Ephesians 2:8-9** and **Titus 3:5** and **Philippians 3:8-9**. Why do you think that "salvation by grace through faith" is such a difficult concept for the average person in today's world to grasp?
3. Read **Luke 23:39-43**. How do the "death bed conversions" (or the salvation of the thief on the cross next to Jesus) test our view of grace?
4. Why is "fretting about your past sins" an insult to the concept of justification by grace?
5. How would you respond to a person who claimed that because salvation is freely granted she really is not concerned about trying to live the Christian life righteously?
6. How can you consciously and specifically worship God this week for the grace that saves you from God's condemnation?

*Here is a list of other CDs available from past sermons which may assist you in your further study of today's message.*

CD # 0615 – **A Crash Course in Justification and Sanctification**  
CD # 0610 – **Our Need for Representation**  
CD # 0836 – **Learning to Hate Hypocrisy**  
CD # 0656 – **Tempted to Trust in Something Other Than Christ**

## **Read Through the Bible in a Year**

Here's this  
week's schedule:

**March 1<sup>st</sup>**  
*Num. 5-6 & Prov. 16*  
**March 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
*Num. 7-8 & Prov. 17*  
**March 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
*Num. 9-10 & Prov. 18*  
**March 4<sup>th</sup>**  
*Num. 11-12 & Prov. 19*  
**March 5<sup>th</sup>**  
*Num. 13-14 & Prov. 20*  
**March 6<sup>th</sup>**  
*Num. 15-17 & Prov. 21*  
**March 7<sup>th</sup>**  
*Num. 18-19 & Prov. 22*  
**March 8<sup>th</sup>**  
*Num. 20-21 & Prov. 23*

*Here are some resources that will assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon.  
(To see other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this and other topics go to [www.CompassBooks.org](http://www.CompassBooks.org).)*

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Schaeffer, Francis A. **The Finished Work of Christ: The Truth of Romans 1 – 8.** Crossway Books, 1998.  
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