

WHEN IN ROMANS: WHEN GRACE MEETS FAITH

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TEXT: ROMANS 3:23-31

1. Jesus is the _____ of God’s story

ROMANS 3:21-22: BUT NOW GOD HAS SHOWN US A WAY TO BE MADE RIGHT WITH HIM WITHOUT KEEPING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAW, AS WAS PROMISED IN THE WRITINGS OF MOSES AND THE PROPHETS LONG AGO. WE ARE MADE RIGHT WITH GOD BY PLACING OUR FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST. AND THIS IS TRUE FOR EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES, NO MATTER WHO WE ARE.

2. God’s grace and our faith produce _____

ROMANS 3:25-26: FOR GOD PRESENTED JESUS AS THE SACRIFICE FOR SIN. PEOPLE ARE MADE RIGHT WITH GOD WHEN THEY BELIEVE THAT JESUS SACRIFICED HIS LIFE, SHEDDING HIS BLOOD. THIS SACRIFICE SHOWS THAT GOD WAS BEING FAIR WHEN HE HELD BACK AND DID NOT PUNISH THOSE WHO SINNED IN TIMES PAST, FOR HE WAS LOOKING AHEAD AND INCLUDING THEM IN WHAT HE WOULD DO IN THIS PRESENT TIME. GOD DID THIS TO DEMONSTRATE HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR HE HIMSELF IS FAIR AND JUST, AND HE MAKES SINNERS RIGHT IN HIS SIGHT WHEN THEY BELIEVE IN JESUS.

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3. Faith moves us to_____

ROMANS 3:29-31: AFTER ALL, IS GOD THE GOD OF THE JEWS ONLY? ISN'T HE ALSO THE GOD OF THE GENTILES? OF COURSE HE IS. THERE IS ONLY ONE GOD, AND HE MAKES PEOPLE RIGHT WITH HIMSELF ONLY BY FAITH, WHETHER THEY ARE JEWS OR GENTILES. WELL THEN, IF WE EMPHASIZE FAITH, DOES THIS MEAN THAT WE CAN FORGET ABOUT THE LAW? OF COURSE NOT! IN FACT, ONLY WHEN WE HAVE FAITH DO WE TRULY FULFILL THE LAW.

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