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IV. Justified by Grace through Faith
Part 1: “Saved by Faith,” 3:21-39

Rom 3:21-5:21

1. But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known (“made apparent”),

a. To which the Law and the Prophets testify (or “bear witness”).

b. This righteousness [“of God”] is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

- There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (All “fall short”),
- and are (“being”) justified freely by His grace through the redemption (“buying back,” “ransom”) that came by Christ Jesus (Isa 55:1-3; Act 13:39; Rom 4:5, 5:16; Eph 3:6)

The Gospel isn’t “Plan B.” It is eternal (e.g., Rev 14:6)

2. God presented (“set forth, displayed”) **Christ as a sacrifice of atonement,**

a. through the shedding of His blood— (Heb 7:26-28)

b. to be received by faith. (*better, “through faith in His blood”*)

- He did this to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance He had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished — (Heb 9:23-28; 10:1-18)
- He did this to demonstrate His righteousness at the present time, so as to be just (“righteous”) and the one who justifies (“makes righteous”) those who have faith in Jesus. (Gen 15:6; Hab 4:2; Rom 4:5; Jas 2:23)

God will always be consistent with Himself (Exd 34:6-7)

3. Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. (Eph 2:8-9)

a. Because of what law?

- The law that requires works?
- No, because of the law that requires faith (Hab 2:4).

b. For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.
(Gal 2:15-21)

- Or is God the God of Jews only?
- Is He not the God of Gentiles too?
- Yes, of Gentiles too, since there is only one God, who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith. (Eph 3:6)

c. Do we, then, nullify the law by this faith? (Remember the law’s purpose - Gal 3:19)

- Not at all!
- Rather, we uphold the law. (Gal 3:21-22)

Christ is the fulfillment of the Law and the only way of salvation.
Trusting in Him is the most “lawful” thing a person can do.