

Romans Part 4

The Free Gift for a Guilty World

Have you ever been stuck in a situation where you needed rescue? The truth is, we are all captives and needing rescue and redemption. Listen in as Pastor Markus Witherspoon, from our Tierrasanta campus, leads us to see how we are redeemed by the cross of Christ.

In this message you will be:

- Challenged to consider what or who we truly place our faith in
- Encouraged to see the scope of how much God has forgiven us in Christ

Let's go in our Bibles to Romans 3:9-20 (CSB)

1. **Bad News: No one is "good enough" to be right with God on their own.**

Romans 3:9-11 (CSB) For we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin, as it is written: ***There is no one righteous, not even one.*** There is ***no one*** who understands; there is ***no one*** who seeks God.

Romans 3:20 (CSB) For no one will be justified in his sight by the works of the law, ***because the knowledge of sin comes through the law.***

Let's continue reading Romans 3:21-31 (CSB)

2. **Good News: God makes us right with Him through faith in Christ.**

Romans 3:21-22 (CSB) But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been revealed, attested by the Law and the Prophets. ***The righteousness of God is through faith in Jesus Christ, to all who believe,*** since there is no distinction.

a. **Right standing is a gift from God.**

Romans 3:24 (CSB) they are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

b. ***Christ took my place on the cross.***

Romans 3:25 (CSB) ***God presented him as the mercy seat, by his blood, through faith, to demonstrate his righteousness,*** because in his restraint God passed over the sins previously committed.