

FAITH AS REALITY

When It All Comes Together

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But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness 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, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

Christ's Faithful Death

Makes Us Right

Makes Us Free

Makes Us One

There is no one righteous, not even one...(3:10)

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“Gradually it was disclosed to me that the line separating good and evil passes not through states, nor between classes, nor between political parties either — but right through every human heart — and through all human hearts.”

- Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

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This righteousness is given through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ to all who believe.

Jesus' death demonstrates that God's righteousness (restorative justice) means that God is not ignoring the heinous sins of humanity **nor** is God allowing sin to permanently disturb and damage the relationship between humanity and God.

Romans 3:24

...justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Romans 3:11

There is no one who seeks God.

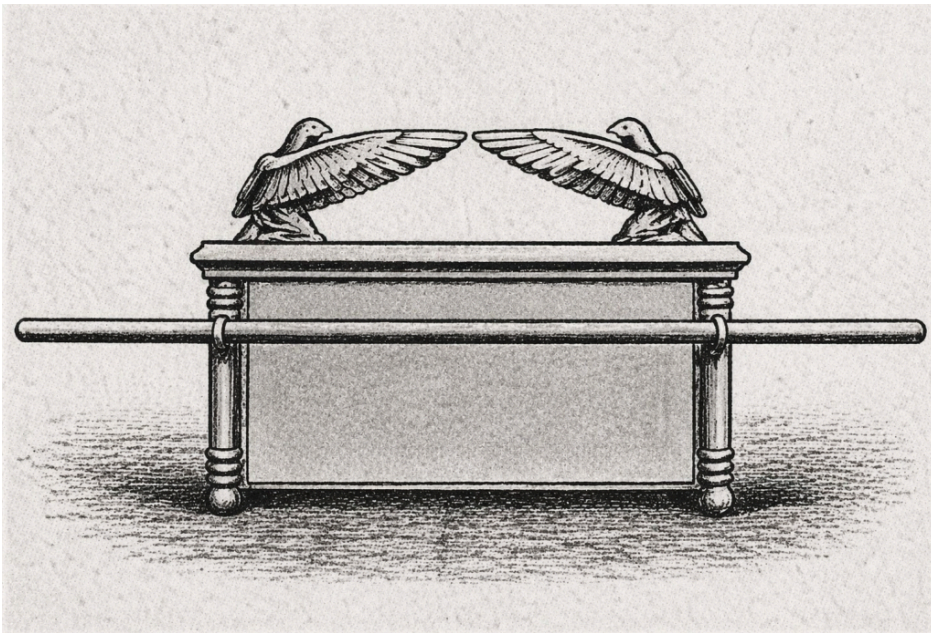
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...justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Romans 3:25

God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood —to be received by faith.

Atonement: at-one-ment



Exodus 25:22

There, above the cover between the two cherubim that are over the ark of the covenant law, I will meet with you and give you all my commands.