

**Knowing God**  
**THE JUST AND THE JUSTIFIER**  
**Romans 3:21-26**

*“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. For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. They are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. God presented him as an atoning sacrifice in his blood, received through faith, to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his restraint God passed over the sins previously committed. God presented him to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so that he would be righteous and declare righteous the one who has faith in Jesus. ” (Romans 3:21-26, CSB)*

**I. God is entirely and eternally just.**

(Psalm 89:14, Isaiah 30:18, Deut. 32:4)

A. God can be counted on to respond rightly to both the righteous and the wicked.  
(Psalm 67:4)

B. God is the perfectly fair and perfectly good judge.  
(Psalm 7:11, Psalm 50:6)

**II. God is the patient and merciful Justifier.**

(Romans 3:25-36)

A. God’s hatred of sin is demonstrated by the necessity of Christ’s death.  
(Romans 3:25)

B. God’s forgiveness of man is demonstrated by the necessity of Christ’s death.  
(Romans 3:25-6; Isaiah 53:10)

**III. Our response to the Just and the Justifier.**

(Romans 3:21-24)

A. Sinful Humanity is justified freely by God’s grace through the redemption of Jesus Christ.  
(Romans 3:24)

- JUSTIFIED: Legal Declaration that happens all at once.
- REDEMPTION: Redeem means to buy something back—bring back from destruction.

B. The one who puts their faith in Jesus is freely declared justified by the just God of the Universe.  
(Romans 3:21,23,26)