

# ROMANS 14 – 3:27-31

## *The Law of Faith*

### 1. 3:27

- a. 3:26 - God is righteous to justify those that believe in Jesus
- b. *"boasting"* was present under the law of works: Deu 6:25, Psa 18:20-26
- c. The circumcision rightfully boasted in God and the law – Rom 2:16, 23
- d. *"it is excluded"* because God is the justifier in Rom 3:24-26 (also Eph 2:8-9)
- e. *"what law?"* – What principle, what is the rule, how is it right?
- f. The law of works (Rom 7:12, 10:5) → No, because none can do it Rom 3:19-21
- g. Excluded by the law of faith → found in Hab 2:4, Rom 1:17, and Gal 3:10-12
- h. For all have sinned – Rom 3:23; Prov 20:6,9; Hos 6:6, Mic 6:8, Mat 23:23; Heb 11:6

### 2. 3:28

- a. *"Therefore"* – Which is the end of a logical argument beginning in Rom 1:16-17
  - i. Salvation is to all that believe - 1) all men, and 2) by faith
  - ii. God's wrath against all Rom 1:18 all without excuse 2:1
  - iii. The doers are just, but the hearers don't do! Rom 2:13 to 2:21, 26
  - iv. The law can't justify anybody, so how can God be just? Rom 3:21-25
- b. *"we conclude"* – man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law
  - i. This is the *"faith alone"* statement, a repeat of Rom 3:21, Acts 13:38-39
  - ii. James and Jesus taught to do the law and live – Jam 2:24, Mat 19:17

### 3. 3:29-30

- a. *"God of the Jews"* - as in *"Our Father"* Mat 6:9, Isa 63:16, Exo 3:16, *"God of Israel"*
- b. If it were by promised covenant or works then they could claim John 4:22
- c. God can only send salvation to Gentiles through faith not a covenant – Rom 11:11
- d. Without the deeds of the law, he can be justifier of the Gentiles also – Rom 11:32
- e. *"by faith"* explains how Israel can be justified through their broken covenants
  - i. By faith they did something, faith without works is dead – Heb 11:6,7, 17+
- f. *"through faith"* – which is not accessed through covenants, but the cross Rom 3:25
  - i. *"through faith in his blood"* (nobody knew about his blood before)
  - ii. Being strangers from the covenants we had no hope of life - Eph 2:12-13
  - iii. We are justified through faith in Christ's finished work

### 4. 3:31

- a. The second boast of Israel: the law – Rom 2:23
- b. Israel's faith did not void the law they were to keep. Our faith is without the law.
- c. *"establish"* – Not put us under it, but rather we stand by it: it cannot justify.
- d. Christ fulfilled the law by dying for us on the cross – Rom 13:10, Rom 5:8, 3:25
- e. Law is holy, we're not Rom 7:12. What the law couldn't do, Christ did Rom 8:3
- f. It is not the law that was excluded, but our boasting – Gal 2:20