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Relationship of Christ's Righteousness to Man

- **The Appetizer:**

- *Rom 2:11,12 – “For there is no respect of persons with God. For **as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law;**”*
- *Rom 3:9-12 – “... **they are all under sin**; As it is written, **There is none righteous, no, not one**: There is none that understands, there is none that seeks after God. **They are all gone out of the way**, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.”*
- *Rom 3:19,20 – “Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and **all the world may become guilty before***



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God. Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in His sight: for by the law [is] the knowledge of sin.”

- *Rom 3:21 NKJV – “But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the prophets,”*
 - *But now, - something new!*
 - **What is the righteousness of God?**
 - Scofield – ‘all that God demands and approves’
 - **Entirely met in The Lord Jesus Christ** – *1Cor 1:30, Rom 5:21, Rom 10:4, Phil 3:9, and importantly in*
 - *II Cor 5:21 – “For he hath made Him [to be] sin for us, who*



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knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.”

- *And he fulfilled the Law* – what verse(s) come to mind here?
 - *Matt 5:17,18 – “Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.”*
 - *without law is manifested (perfect passive indicative) – Gal 2:16 “knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law; for by the works of law shall no flesh be justified.”*
 - *witnessed (passive present participle) by the law and the prophets - the OT scriptures.*



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- JFB (paraphrased)– Thus, this justifying righteousness, although *new*, as only now fully disclosed, is an *old* righteousness, predicted and foreshadowed in the OT.
 - **Reflect here on the OT saints!**
 - » Abraham as an example - *James 2:23*
 - **The principle of faith has been forever established** –
 - » *Rom 1:17* “For therein is **the righteousness of God** revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, **The just shall live by faith.**”
- **And the prophets knew this didn't they?**
 - *Gal 3:8* “And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached beforehand the Gospel unto Abraham, saying, in thee shall all nations be blessed.”
 - *1 Peter 1:10* “Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, and have prophesied of the grace that should come unto you,”



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- *Rom 3:22 ILG – “A righteousness - of God through faith of (in) Jesus Christ to all the ones believing. ³No ¹for ²there is ⁴distinction,”*

Amplified - *“Namely, the righteousness of God which comes by believing with personal trust and confident reliance on Jesus Christ (the Messiah). [And it is meant] for all who believe. For there is no distinction,”*

- *Gal 2:16 “Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that **we might be justified by the faith of Christ**, and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.”*



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- *Gal 3:28 "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female; for ye are all one in Christ Jesus."*

Gal 3:7 "Know ye therefore that those who are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham."



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- *Rom 3:23 NKJV* – “*For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*”
 - RWP - {Sinned} (hrmarton). Constative second aorist active indicative of amartanw as in *Rom 5:12*. **This tense gathers up the whole race into one statement (a timeless aorist).**
 - RWP - {And fall short} (kai usterountai). Present middle indicative of usterew, to be usterov (comparative) too late, continued action, **still fall short**. It is followed by the ablative case as here, the case of separation.
 - To suffer want, to be devoid of, to lack (be inferior) in worth
 - **Define sin - missing the mark!**
 - **An act** – violation of obedience to the revealed Word of God – *I John 1:9, 10*
 - **A state** – absence of righteousness – *Rom 3:9*
 - **A nature** – enmity toward God – *Rom 6:6*



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– What is God's glory?

- **The nature and acts of God in self manifestation.**

- Exemplified in the Lord Jesus Christ – *John 1:14, Heb 1:1-3*
 - » Hypostasis – His substantial essence

- Available to us

- *Rom 5:2* – “By whom also we have *access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*”
- *II Cor 3:18* – “But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are *transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord the Spirit.*”
- *II Cor 4:6* – “For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to [give] *the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*”



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'THE HOME'

Thou who givest of Thy gladness
Till the cup runs o'er—
Cup whereof the pilgrim weary
Drinks to thirst no more—
Not a-nigh me, but within me
Is Thy joy divine;
Thou, O Lord, hast made Thy
dwelling
In this heart of mine.

Need I that a law should bind me
Captive unto Thee?
Captive is my heart, rejoicing
Never to be free.
Ever with me, glorious, awful,
Tender, passing sweet,
One upon whose heart I rest me,
Worship at His Feet.

Born: November 25, 1697, Moers,
Nie de rhein, Germany.
Died: April 3, 1769, Mülheim an der
Ruhr, Germany