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### God Applies His Righteousness to Us for Free

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### Grace is Given to Us Freely Through Faith

**Romans 3:21-24**

*But now the righteousness of God \_\_\_\_\_ is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Even the righteousness of God **which is by faith** of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified \_\_\_\_\_ by his **grace** through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:*

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