

THE MOST IMPORTANT BOOK IN THE WORLD!

ROMANS

Rom. 3:21-26

RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD

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- 1. We learn an important principle from Rom. 3:21-26: Our justification doesn't just mean something for us. It also means something for God.**
- 2. God justifying sinners by faith in the Person and Work of His Son on the Cross (redemption and propitiation) not only gives believers an abundance of blessings.**
 - It declares the Glory of God's Righteousness.**
- 3. While our salvation with all its blessings is wonderful for us, it is not an end in itself.**
 - It is the means to an end, and the end is God's Glory**

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- 4. Because most believers have rejected God's Mystery Truth for today, they don't even know what the blessings are that God is giving to them today in Christ.
--The only answer to this is Rightly Dividing.**
- 5. Of those believers who have accepted some Mystery Truth and, therefore, know at least some of their blessings in Christ view them as: "What it means for me."
--The only answer is growth that comes from viewing things from God's perspective.**
- 6. The growing and mature believer accepts Mystery Truth and, therefore, knows what blessings God is giving today in Christ, appreciates them and views them by as: "What it means for God!"**
- 7. God gives us blessings because giving us blessings by faith displays His Glory.**

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	OUR BLESSINGS	GOD'S GLORY
Eph. 1:3-6a	All spiritual blessings in heavenly places—chosen, holy, blameless, recipients of His love, predestinated, adopted.	Why? For His good pleasure to the praise of the glory of His grace.
Eph. 1:6b-10	Accepted, redeemed, forgiven, recipients of the riches of His grace.	Why? To show His wisdom in His Purpose for this Mystery Program according to His good pleasure.
Eph. 1:11-13a	Inheritance, predestined	Why? For His purpose that we should be to the praise of HIS GLORY by faith.
Eph. 1:13b-14	Sealed with the Holy Spirit, our inheritance, future redemption (resurrection)	Why? Unto the praise of GOD'S GLORY!
Eph. 1:15-23	Spirit of wisdom and revelation, knowledge of Him, hope and calling, His power.	Why? For the riches of the glory of HIS INHERITANCE in the saints!

8. This is what releases Resurrection Power today. (Eph. 1:19-20)

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- 9. The whole purpose of this Mystery Program is the intent that NOW unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God. (Eph. 3:10)**
- 10. Mystery Truth not only tells us what God has and is accomplishing for us but what He is accomplishing for Himself—His Heavenly Purpose of Glory.**
- 11. When we respond on the basis of faith to God's Truth for today:
--IT RELEASES HIS POWER AND DISPLAYS HIS GLORY, ESPECIALLY IN THE HEAVENLIES!**
- 12. Understanding this changes EVERYTHING!**
- 13. I no longer need to do something based on self but willingly based on God and His Glory.**
 - a. We don't think of self: I need to do right because He blessed me and now I owe Him.
--There is no power in this and the flesh will win. It's to go under a Law System.**
 - b. Instead, we only think of God: Without regard for self, I voluntarily use His blessings by faith because that releases His Power and displays His Glory in the heavenlies.**

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- 14. Prayer is not something we do for ourselves but something we do for God:**
 - a. Prayer becomes not us trying to get God involved in our plans and desires.**
 - b. It becomes God getting us involved in His plans and desires.**

- 15. Worship is not something we do for ourselves but something we do for God:**
 - a. Worship isn't us praising God by what we do through our emotions.**
 - b. It is us praising God by what He is done as revealed in His Word.**

- 16. Service is not something we do for ourselves but something we do for God:**
 - a. Service is not something we do to gain or maintain a blessing or escape a punishment.**
 - b. It is something we do because we realize that it displays God's Glory.**