

“Wine and Milk (6): Twice Freed”

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8 Categorical Statement #1—All are _____ .

▼ Romans 3:9 (10-19)

8 Categorical Statement #2—All are _____ .

▼ Re: Romans 3:21-26

- Leon Morris: “. . . possibly the most important single paragraph ever written.”
- Martin Luther: “. . . the chief point, in the very central place of the Epistle, and of the whole Bible.”

▼ Romans 3:21—“_____ . . .”

- D. Martin Lloyd-Jones: “There are no more wonderful words in the whole of Scripture than just these two words, ‘But now.’”
- “It is believed that this masterpiece can be restored.”

▼ Romans 3:22-23

- Handley Moule: “The harlot, the liar, the murderer, are short of it [i.e. of God’s glory]; but so are you. Perhaps they stand at the bottom of a mine, and you on the crest of an Alp; but you are as little able to _____ the _____ as they.”
- Paul repeats categorical statement #1 in v 23—“All have sinned.”

▼ Romans 3:24

- The subject (“all”) for v 23 is understood to be the subject for v 24.
- NIV: “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and [_____] are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.”
- “All are _____ .”
- Douglas Moo’s definition: “No legal fiction, but a legal *reality* of the utmost significance, ‘to be justified’ means to be _____ by God from _____ charges that could be brought against a person because of his sins.” (*Romans 228*)
- Romans 4:5—“God justifies the _____ .”

- ▼ But how can God possibly justify the ungodly?
 - It's what he told Israel not to do:
 - Deuteronomy 25:1
 - Proverbs 17:15
 - Isaiah 5:23
 - Exodus 23:7
 - Romans 3:24, 25
 - John Stott: "Without the cross the justification of the unjust would be unjustified, immoral, and therefore impossible." (*Romans* 112, 113)

- ▼ Two words we must never forget:
 - #1—_____ (v 24)—the act of purchasing a slave in order to set that slave free.
 - I Corinthians 6:19
 - Acts 20:28
 - #2—_____ (v 25)—the priestly act of sprinkling blood upon the golden slab atop the holy Ark of God ("the mercy seat") as symbol of at-one-ment between God and man.
 - P. T. Forsythe: "The prime doer in Christ's cross was God. Christ was God reconciling. He was God doing the very best for man, and not man doing his very best for God."
 - Ivan Blazen: At the cross God _____ the sacrifice rather than _____ it.
 - I John 2:2

☞ Categorical Statement #3—_____ are saved.

- ▼ Romans 3:24—all are justified by _____ .
- ▼ Romans 3:26—some are justified by _____ .
- ▼ In the Civil War every slave was freed _____ , but not every slave was free _____ .
- ▼ "With His own blood [Jesus] has signed the emancipation papers of the race." (*Ministry of Healing* 90)

☞ Justified by Grace _____ Justified by Faith _____ Salvation in Christ alone.

- ▼ "If you give yourself to [Jesus], and accept Him as your Savior, then, sinful as your life may have been, for His sake you are accounted righteous. Christ's character stands in place of your character, and you are accepted of God just as if you had not sinned." (*Steps to Christ* 62)

“Just as if I’d never sinned”

g, f, S, lost, justified, But, now, touch, stars, all, justified, acquitted, all, ungodly, “Redemption”, “Propitiation”, presents, receives, Some, grace, faith, legally, experientially, +, =