

ROMANS

PART 6: WHAT IS MAN'S GREATEST NEED?

Romans Chapter 3

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The first step of a sick person in getting healthy is to recognize their need for healing. In Mark 2:17 Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." (Mk. 2:17 NIV). The first step in the Alcoholics Anonymous 12-Step Program is for an alcoholic to admit they are powerless over their addiction. Man cannot have his greatest need met until he acknowledges his need for it.

A. MAIN IDEA

Man's greatest sickness is _____ and man's greatest need is for _____!

B. KEY WORDS

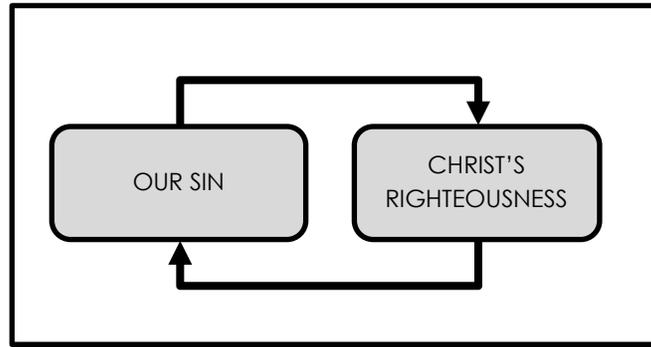
1. Grace (Gk. *charis*): the undeserved and super-abundant blessings that God bestows on his people (3:24).
2. Justification (Gk. *dikaioō*): a legal connotation in which a person is granted the legal status of "not guilty." To declare righteous, a right relationship with God (Rom. 3:24, 28).
3. Salvation (Gk. *soteria*): The divine act of delivering a believer from the power and curse of sin and then restoring that individual to the fellowship with God for which humans were originally intended (Rom. 1:16).
4. Works (Gk. *ergon*): To labor. This term is used in this chapter to describe one's striving to obey the Mosaic Law (3:20).

C. CHAPTER 3 OUTLINE

1. What advantage is there in being a Jew? (3:1-8)
2. There's no advantage in being a Jew (3:9)
3. Fourteen indictments against Jews and Gentiles (3:10-18)
4. The Law made everyone conscious of sin (3:19-20)
5. But God has provided justification by faith (3:21-31ff)

D. WHAT IS JUSTIFICATION?

1. Justification is a _____ by God (Rom. 3:21-24).
2. God declares the believer to be _____ in his sight (Rom. 8:1).
3. God can declare us to be just because he _____ (credits) Christ's righteousness to us (Rom. 4:24).



4. Justification comes to us entirely by _____, not on account of any _____ (Rom. 3:22-24; Eph. 2:8-9).
5. God justifies us through our _____ (Rom. 5:1).

E. SUMMARY: JUSTIFICATION, THE BELIEVER'S JOY



As a believer in Jesus Christ you are justified, declared righteous, at the moment of your salvation. Justification does not make you righteous, but rather pronounces you righteous. Your righteousness comes from placing your faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ. His sacrifice covers your sin, allowing God to see you as perfect and unblemished. Because as believers we are in Christ, God sees Christ's own righteousness when He looks at us. This meets God's demands for perfection; thus, He declares you righteous—He justifies you. You are declared "Not guilty!"

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