

“Always Darkest before Dawn”

Salvation Revealed in Romans

3:21-8:39

Four Great Sections

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| 1. Condemnation | 1:18-3:20 |
| 2. Salvation | 3:21-8:39 |
| 3. Vindication | 9:1-11:36 |
| 4. Exhortation | 12:1-15:33 |

Salvation: Three Great Divisions

1. Justification: Declared righteous in Christ
3:21-5:21
2. Sanctification: Made righteous in Christ
6:1-7:25
3. Preservation: Kept righteous in Christ
8:1-39

Justification

- “declared” righteous by God in Christ
- key is righteousness of God
 - Romans 8:1; Acts 4:12; 1 Timothy 2:15; John 14:6
 - Matthew 7:13-14; Luke 13:22-30; 12:50; Hebrews 12:1-3

Justification: Declared Righteous

- same word family as “righteous”
- 30x in Romans
- legal term; God’s verdict
- pardon from guilty penalty of sin
- free gift from God; impossible to earn
- required ransom payment of Christ to God

Imputed Righteousness

- involves transfer of my sin onto Christ
- involves transfer of Christ's righteousness to me

2 Corinthians 5:21

Imputed Righteousness

1. Righteousness manifested, 21-22
2. Righteousness needed, 22-23
3. Righteousness imputed, 24
4. Righteousness exhibited, 25-26
5. Righteousness approved, 27-31