

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

—Romans 3:19-20 ESV

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“The law tells me how crooked I am ...”
—Dwight L. Moody

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How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One,
Bring many sons to glory.

—Stuart Townsend

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²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—
²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction...

—Romans 3:21-22 ESV

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²⁴...are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

—Romans 3:24-25 ESV

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“The law tells me how crooked I am.
Grace comes along and straightens me out.”
—Dwight L. Moody

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How? you ask. In Christ.
God put the wrong on him who
never did anything wrong, so we
could be put right with God.

—2 Corinthians 5:21 MSG

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⁹...if you confess with your mouth that
Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart
that God raised him from the dead, you
will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one
believes and is justified, and with the
mouth one confesses and is saved...

¹³For “everyone who calls on the
name of the Lord will be saved.”

—Romans 10:9-10, 13 ESV

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“It is ever the Holy Spirit's work to turn
our eyes away from self to Jesus; but
Satan's work is just the opposite of this,
for he is constantly trying to make us
regard ourselves instead of Christ.”

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“He insinuates, ‘Your sins are too great
for pardon; you have no faith; you do not
repent enough; you will never be able to
continue to the end; you have not the joy
of His children; you have such a
wavering hold on Jesus.’”

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“All these are thoughts about self, and
we shall never find comfort or assurance
by looking within. But the Holy Spirit
turns our eyes entirely away from self:
He tells us that we are nothing,
but that ‘Christ is all in all.’”

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“Remember, therefore, it is not your hold
on Christ that saves you—it is Christ;
it is not your joy in Christ that saves
you—it is Christ; it is not even faith in
Christ, though that be the instrument—
it is Christ's blood and merits.”

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“Therefore, look not so much to your hand with which you are grasping Christ, as to Christ; look not to your hope, but Jesus, the source of your hope; look not to your faith, but to Jesus, the author and finisher of your faith...”

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“If we would at once overcome Satan and have peace with God, it must be by ‘looking unto Jesus.’ Keep your eye simply on Him; let His death, His sufferings, His merits, His glories, His intercession, be fresh on your mind. When you wake in the morning, look to Him; when you lie down at night, look to Him.”

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Do not let your hopes or fears come between you and Jesus; follow hard after Him, and He will never fail you.

—Charles H. Spurgeon

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