

⁹What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that **all**, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, ¹⁰as it is written:
**“None is righteous, no, not one;
¹¹no one understands; no one seeks for God. ¹²All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.”**

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¹³“Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive. The venom of asps is under their lips. ¹⁴Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness. ¹⁵Their feet are swift to shed blood; ¹⁶in their paths are ruin and misery, ¹⁷and the way of peace they have not known. ¹⁸There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

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...²³for **all** have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...
 —Romans 3:9-18, 23 ESV

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We Did It All

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Every person in every place shares the same “default mode”—sin.

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The Bible Speaks of Sin in a Variety of Ways

- **transgression** (breaking God’s law—between good and evil) Romans 2:23
- **error** (departure from what is right—going wrong way without fear of consequence) Romans 1:18
- **trespass** (willful crossing of a posted boundary in defiance of divine authority) Ephesians 2:1

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The Bible Speaks of Sin in a Variety of Ways

- lawlessness (spiritual anarchy—living apart from God's authority) 1 Tim. 1:9
- unbelief (disrespect and disregard for Divine revelation and truth) John 16:9
- missing the mark (falling short of the glory of God) Romans 3:23

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Now 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.

—Romans 3:19 ESV

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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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Romans 3:25-26

Jesus Paid It All

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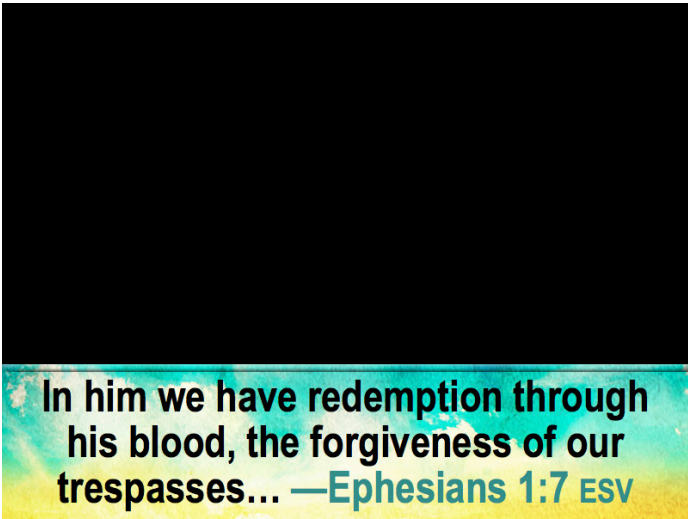
... ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

—Romans 3:25-26 ESV

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Redemption:
Setting free from bondage

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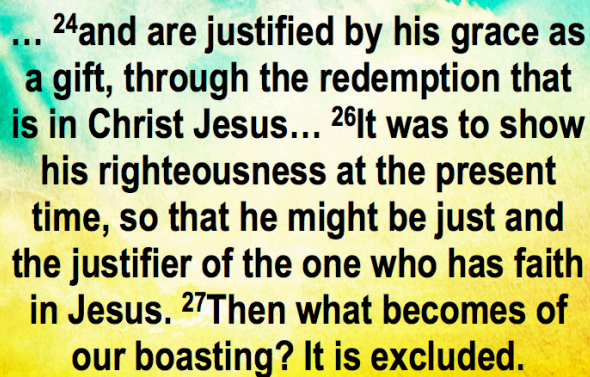
In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses... —Ephesians 1:7 ESV

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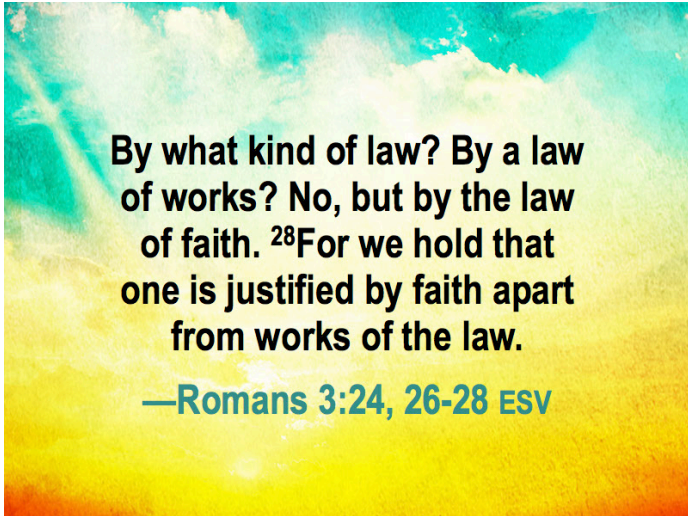
Propitiation: Christ's satisfaction of God's holiness in our salvation

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... ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus... ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded.

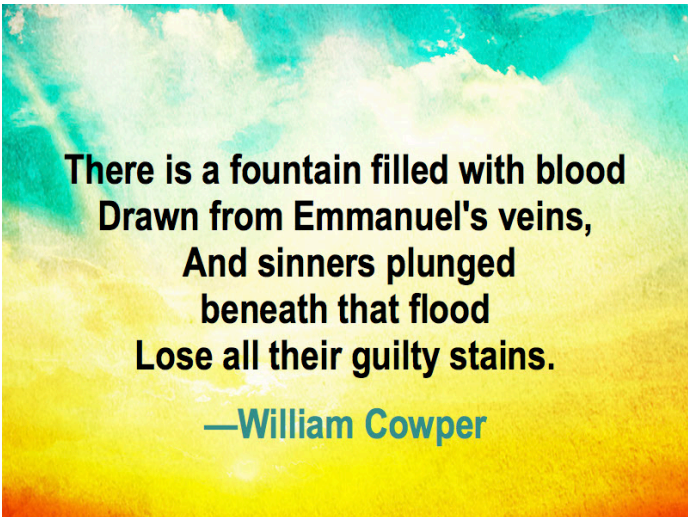
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By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

—Romans 3:24, 26-28 ESV

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There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Emmanuel's veins,
And sinners plunged
beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains.

—William Cowper

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