

# Justified

Romans 3-4, Part 2



Apostle Paul, c. 1657  
by Rembrandt

## Rome

# Justified by Faith

Romans 3:28

## El Capitan

William Henry Jackson's 1899 photograph



FBC Woodville  
Sunday School Class  
Michael G. Maness  
see  
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“Where were you when the world stopped turning”  
Song with VIDEO by Alan Jackson



A wide-angle photograph of the Yosemite Valley, showing a vast landscape of rugged mountains and dense forests. A prominent, sheer rock face is visible in the middle ground. A red arrow originates from a blue text box on the right and points towards this rock face. The top of the image shows a row of arches, likely part of a building or bridge, with a warm, golden light. The bottom of the image is framed by ornate, golden columns.

# Yosemite Valley

- If the Yosemite Valley is the New Testament
- Then El Capitan is book of Romans
- Rocky ...
- Alone ...
- Stunning ...






We finish the ascent today

**El Capitan**

Romans is El Capitan  
of the New Testament  
Summit of El Capitan  
Romans 3:28

Therefore we conclude  
that a man is **JUSTIFIED**  
by **FAITH**  
**WITHOUT** the deeds  
of the Law.



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1. **Compelled** 1:1-17 & 15:14 to 16:27 **Salutation/Epilogue**
  2. **Guilty** 1:18-32 **Wrath vs. Revelation**
  3. **No Favorites** 2:1-29 **God Judges Heart**
  4. **Justified, pt 1** 3:1 to 4:25 **Justified by Faith**
  - ★ 5. **Justified, pt 2** 3:21 to 3:31 **Justified by Faith**
  6. **Chapters 5-15**





# Theme

Justified before God through **FAITH** in Christ

## Romans 3 & 4

Pt 1

3:31 Last Verse First ... Upholding the Law

4:1-25 Abraham – Father of the Faithful, David too

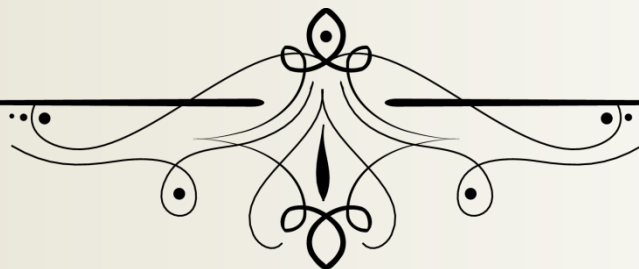
3:1-8 Final Ascent – God True, Other Liars

3:9-20 Near the Top – No One Righteous, Not One

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Pt 2

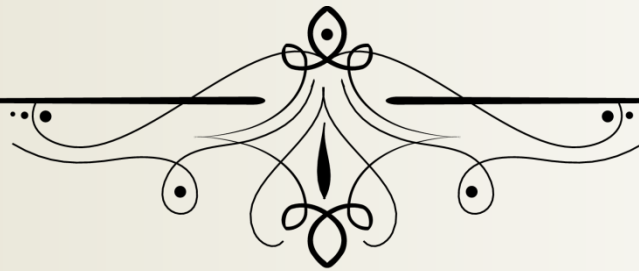
3:21-31 Summit – Righteousness Through Faith





**Key Verse – Romans 3:28**

**Therefore we conclude that  
a man is Justified by FAITH  
Without the deeds of the Law**





Romans 3:31 – Last Verse First ... Upholding the Law

**31 Do we, then, nullify the law by this faith?**

**Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law.**

After summiting El Capitan ... in chapter 4

Paul explains Abraham ... Father of Faith

**4:1 What then shall we say that Abraham,  
our forefather according to the flesh,  
DISCOVERED in this matter?**

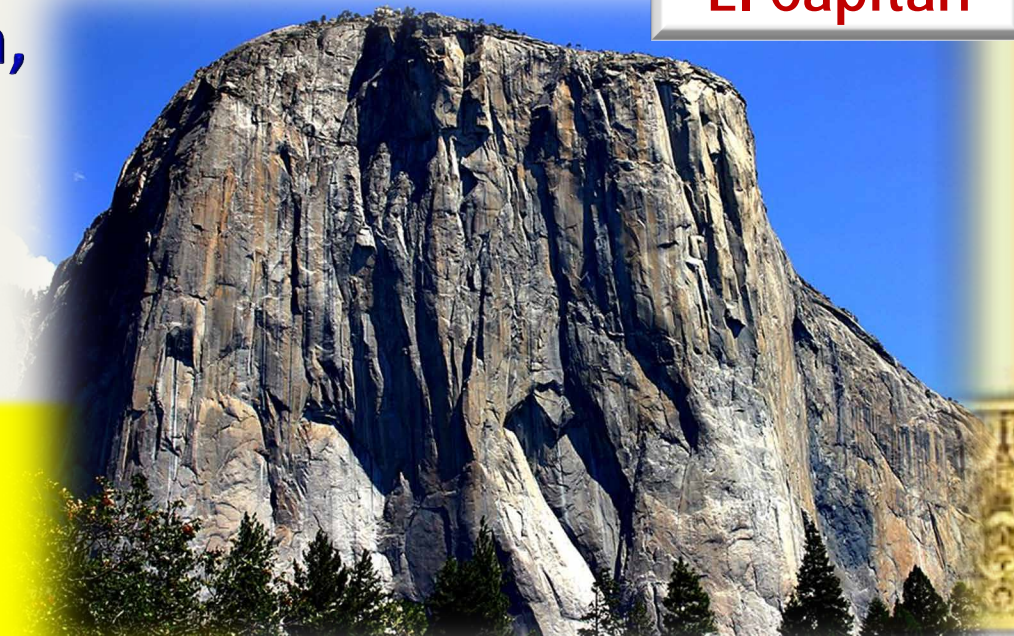
What did Abraham **DISCOVER**?

High-minded Jews are being schooled

Abraham ... Father of **FAITH**



El Capitan





## Chapter 4, Paul explains Abraham ... Father of Faith

4:2 IF-if-if Abraham was justified by works,  
he had something to boast about  
—but not before God.

4:3 What does Scripture say?

“Abraham believed God, and it was  
credited to him as righteousness.”

Do you see the chronology ... timing?

*L o n g* before Christ, Abraham was

**JUSTIFIED by FAITH**



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Genesis 15:5 ... God took him outside and said,  
"Look up at the sky and count the stars—  
if indeed you can count them."

Then God said to him, **So shall your offspring be."**

Chap. 4 outlines Abraham

for Romans, Gentiles, **us** ...

Abraham's FAITH was believing  
God would give an old man heirs

like the "stars of the sky"

His "FAITH" not "Circumcision"

After chapter 4 ...

**"Circumcision" not seen again**





3:9-20 – Near the Top – No One Righteous, Not One

19 Now we know that whatever the Law says,  
it says to those who are under the Law,  
so that every mouth may be silenced and  
the whole world held accountable to God.

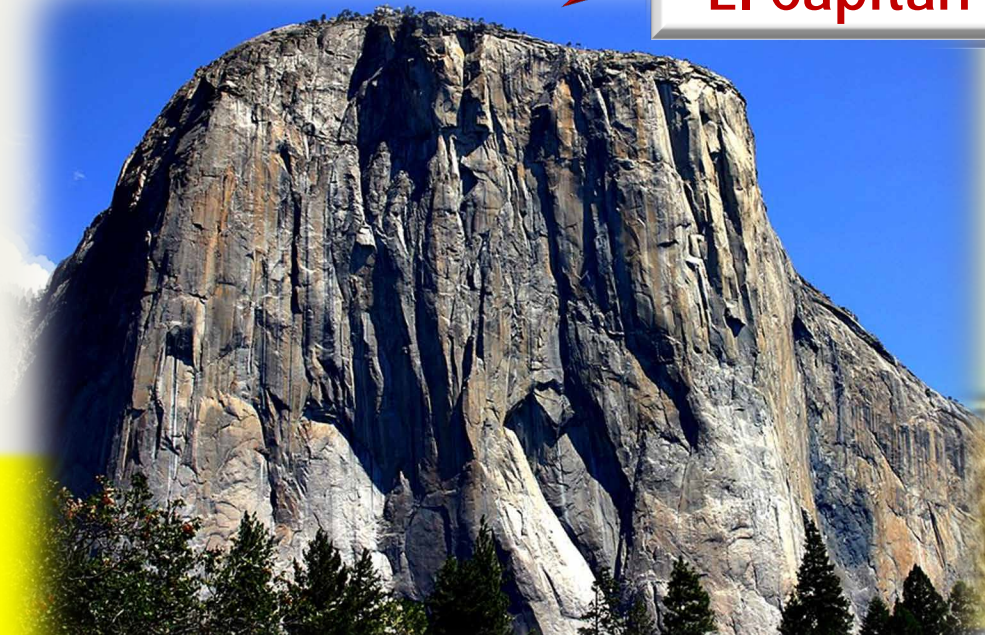
20 Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight



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*Did you SEE that right ...  
Our ropes are over the crest ...  
We are almost to the top ...  
No One ... Nada ... Zilch ...*

*No One justified by the Law*



## 3:21-31 – Righteousness Through Faith

**21** But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.



All the Old Testament looks to Christ ... as Romans does to 3:28

LAW & PROPHETS – two sections of Hebrew Bible: TaNaKh

TaNaKh – acronym

1. Law
2. Prophets
3. Writings

<b>Tanakh</b>		תנ"ך
<b>Torah</b>	Law	תורה
<b>Nevi'im</b>	Prophets	נביאים
<b>Ketuvim</b>	Writings	כתובים



**21 But now apart from the Law the Righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.**



**Hebrew Bible – TaNaKh ... probably finished 120 B.C.**

Law	Prophets	Writings
Genesis	Joshua	Psalms
Exodus	Judges	Proverbs
Leviticus	Samuel	Job
Numbers	Kings	Song of Songs
Deuteronomy	Isaiah	Ruth
	Jeremiah	Lamentations
	Ezekiel	Ecclesiastes
	Hosea	Esther
	Joel	Daniel
	Amos	Ezra
	Obadiah	Nehemiah
	Jonah	Chronicles
	Micah	
	Nahum	
	Habakkuk	
	Zephaniah	
	Haggai	
	Zechariah	
	Malachi	

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**RIGHTEOUSNESS of God  
Made KNOWN**

**3:21-31 – Righteousness Through Faith**

**22 This righteousness is given through FAITH  
in Jesus Christ to all who believe.**

**There is no difference between Jew and Gentile,**

**2. Romans 3:22-23      There Is no Difference**

**#2608, Feb. 5, 1899, Vol 45**

**Not ALL differences ... just with respect to Salvation**

**If called to preach to a “Pit of Kings” ... or to Murders ...**

**Message is the SAME:**

**Believe and Be Saved**



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**There Is no Difference**

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**Go where you may, you need not puzzle about the sort of gospel you are bound to preach.**

**To the jailor at Philippi, to the Areopagites on Mars' Hill, to the Sanhedrim at Jerusalem, to Nero at Rome, to barbarian, bond, or free, to the very chief of sinners, to the greatest or the least of mankind, you have to deliver but one message,**

**Believe and Be Saved**



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2. **Romans 3:22-23** **There Is no Difference**

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**22 There is no difference between Jew and Gentile,**

**23 for all have sinned and fall short of the**

**Glory of God,**

**King of Sweden lay dying ... had a bishop to pray w him**

**When finished, the king said, "Somehow,**

**I have derived no comfort from that prayer.**

**I remember once hearing a shepherd pray in a hut  
when I had lost my way.**

**Send for him?"**



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**23 for all have sinned and fall short of the  
Glory of God**

**They sent for the shepherd ...  
who poured out his heart  
in his own simple language ...**

**king saw the light, and died rejoicingly.**

**“There is no difference” ...**

**king and shepherd need the same Savior**

**Both must go to heaven by the same royal road.**

**This doctrine dethrones pride ...**

**but that is not all that it does**



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3:21-31 – Righteousness Through Faith

24 All are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus."

3. Romans 3:24 **Justification by Grace**

#126, April 5, 1857 vol. 3, Music Hall, Royal Surrey Gardens

Christ stood forward, and to the utmost farthing paid whate'er his people owed. The sacrifice of Calvary was not a part payment; it was a **Perfect Payment** perfect remittal of all the debts of all believers that have lived, do live, or shall live, to the very end of time.

On that day when Christ hung on the cross, he did not leave a thread even to a shoe-latchet that he had not satisfied.





24 All are justified freely by his grace through  
the redemption that came by Christ Jesus."

The whole of the demands of the law were paid ...

And he paid it **ALL AT ONCE too.**

So priceless was the ransom, so princely and munificent  
was the price demanded for our souls,

one might have thought it marvelous if Christ had  
paid it by **instalments**, as King's ransoms were  
Part now, part later ... run through years.

**But not for us.**



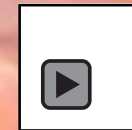
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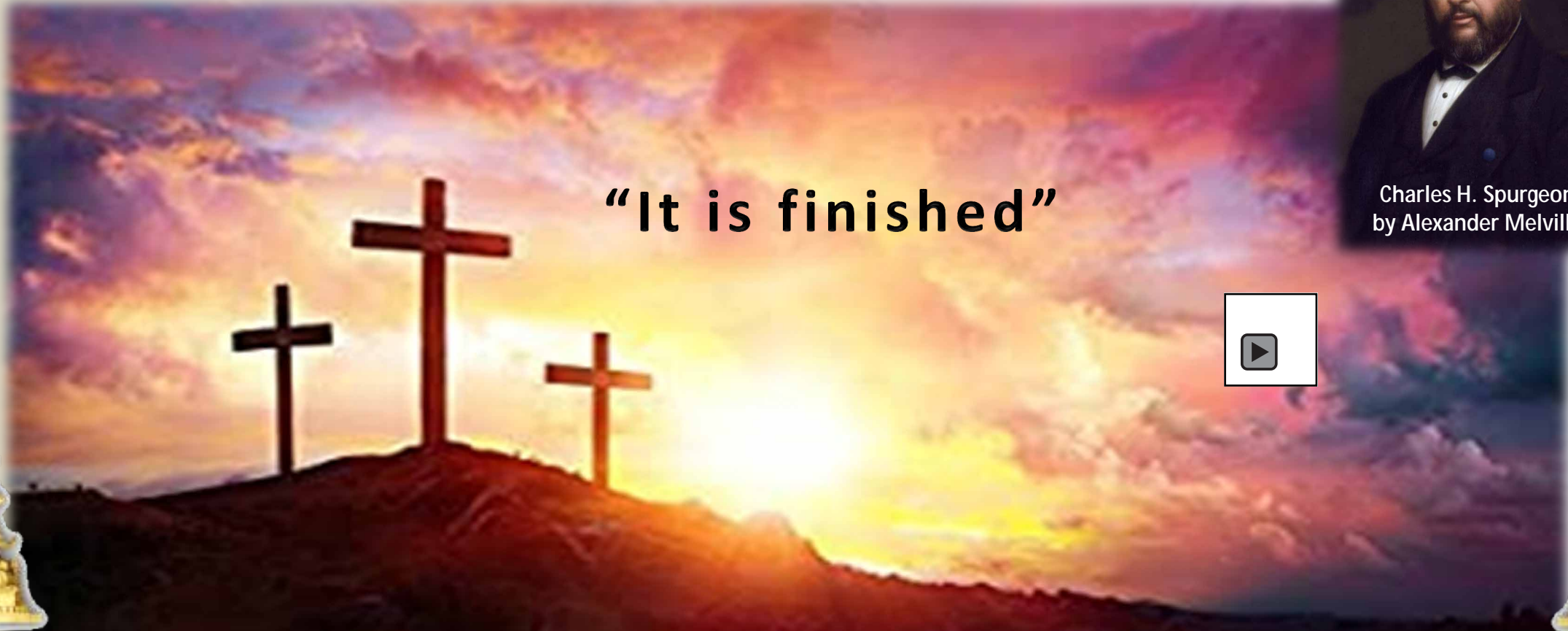
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the redemption that came by Christ Jesus."**

**Once for all he gave himself a sacrifice;  
at once he counted down the price, and said,**

**"It is finished"**



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**Per chance a prisoner comes to a judge ...**

**Another offers to take his place ... indeed does ...**

**One can take the punishment, but not the guilt**

**JUSTIFIED by Christ can only come from God ALONE**

**That is the Doctrine of Justification by FAITH,**

**We cease to be a GUILTY person by DIVINE justice.**

**The moment one believes on Christ**

**Your *GUILT* is all taken away**



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**Old Rowland Hill once preached at a fair where men were selling their wares by auction Rowland said, "I am going to hold an auction too, to sell wine and milk, without money, without price." "My friends over there," said he, "find it a great difficulty to get me up to their price, my difficulty is to bring you down to mine."**

**So it is with men. If I could preach justification to be BOUGHT by you at a sovereign a piece, who would go out of the place without being justified? That is, ALL would pay handsomely**





**24 All are justified freely by his grace through  
the redemption that came by Christ Jesus."**

**If I could preach justification by walking a 100 miles,  
we would all be pilgrims tomorrow morning,  
every one of us? Walking and walking ...**

**If I were to preach justification by whippings & torture,  
so many here would whip themselves,  
and that severely too.**

**But when it is freely, freely, freely, men turn away.**

**What! Am I to obtain for nothing at all, without doing a thing?"**

**Yes, Sir, you are to have it for nothing, or else not at all;**

**it is "freely."**



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the redemption that came by Christ Jesus."

Spurgeon closes his message with a story of sailor

Captain's son stuck on maintruck

Orders son to launch into sea

Son clings to maintruck ...

As we cling to Good Works

Cannot be saved unless you TRUST

Must let of go of **ALL** ...



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## 3:21-31 – Righteousness Through Faith

**25 God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by FAITH.**

**He did this to demonstrate his RIGHTEOUSNESS, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—**

4. **Romans 3:25 Christ Set Forth as a Propitiation ...** #373, March 29, 1861, Vol 7

**We can scarce imagine that angel or archangel could have been set forth as propitiation for sin;**



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4. **Romans 3:25 Christ Set Forth as a Propitiation ...**

#373, March 29, 1861, Vol 7

**25 God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement,  
through the shedding of his blood—  
to be received by faith.**

**yet who can tell whether the Almighty mind might  
not have devised another plan?**

**Who shall dare to limit the Holy One of Israel?**

**At any rate there was this choice between the**

**Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:**

**the Divine wisdom conjoined with Divine Sovereignty,  
chose, and appointed, and determined**



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through the shedding of his blood—  
to be received by FAITH.**

**that Christ Jesus, the second of the Mysterious Three,  
should be the propitiation for our sins.**

**When Christ cometh into the world,  
he comes as one of whom all eternity had spoken;  
he is the child born — born from the womb of destiny,  
he is the Lamb whom God had appointed from  
before the foundation of the world.**

**Long ere this world was made ...**



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because in his forbearance he had left the sins  
committed **beforehand unpunished**—

26 he did it to demonstrate his RIGHTEOUSNESS

at the **PRESENT TIME**, so as to be just and the

one who justifies those who have FAITH in Jesus.



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## 3:21-31 – Righteousness Through Faith

**27 Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded.**

**Because of what LAW?**

**The LAW that requires works?**

**No, because of the LAW that requires FAITH.**

5. **Romans 3:27 1<sup>st</sup> Justice Satisfied ...** #255, May 29, 1859, Vol 5

6. **Romans 3:27 2<sup>nd</sup> Grace Exalted—Boasting Excluded**  
#429, January 19, 1862, Vol 8

**The justice of God is a great barrier to sinners' salvation.  
There is no possibility for that barrier to be surmounted,  
nor for it to be removed **EXCEPT** through the Gospel of Christ**



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**It is true that God is JUST!**

Let old **Sodom** tell you how God rained fire and  
brimstone out of heaven upon man's iniquity.

Let a drowning **world** tell you how God lifted the  
sluices of the fountains of the great deep, and

bade the bubbling waters spring up and swallow up man alive.

Let the earth tell you for she opened her mouth when  
**Korah, Dathan, and Abiram** rebelled against God.



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Let the buried cities of **Nineveh**, and the tattered  
relics of **Tyre** and **Sidon**, tell you that **God is JUST**,  
and will by no means spare the guilty.

And *direst* of all, let **HELL's** bottomless lake  
declare what is the awful vengeance of God  
against the sins of man....



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**How then can a sinner be saved?  
This is the great riddle of the LAW,  
and the grand discovery of the Gospel.**

**Wonder ye heavens! Be astonished O earth!  
that very justice which stood in the sinner's way  
and prevented his being pardoned,**

**has been by the Gospel of  
Christ **APPEASED**;**



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By the rich atonement upon Calvary,

Justice is **SATISFIED**

Justice has **SHEATHED** its sword



Justice has now *not a word* to say against the pardon ...

Nay, more, justice once so angry,

whose brow was lightning ... voice was thunder,

has now become the sinner's advocate, and

Justice itself with its mighty voice pleads with God, that

whosoever confesses his sin should be pardoned

and be cleansed from all unrighteousness.



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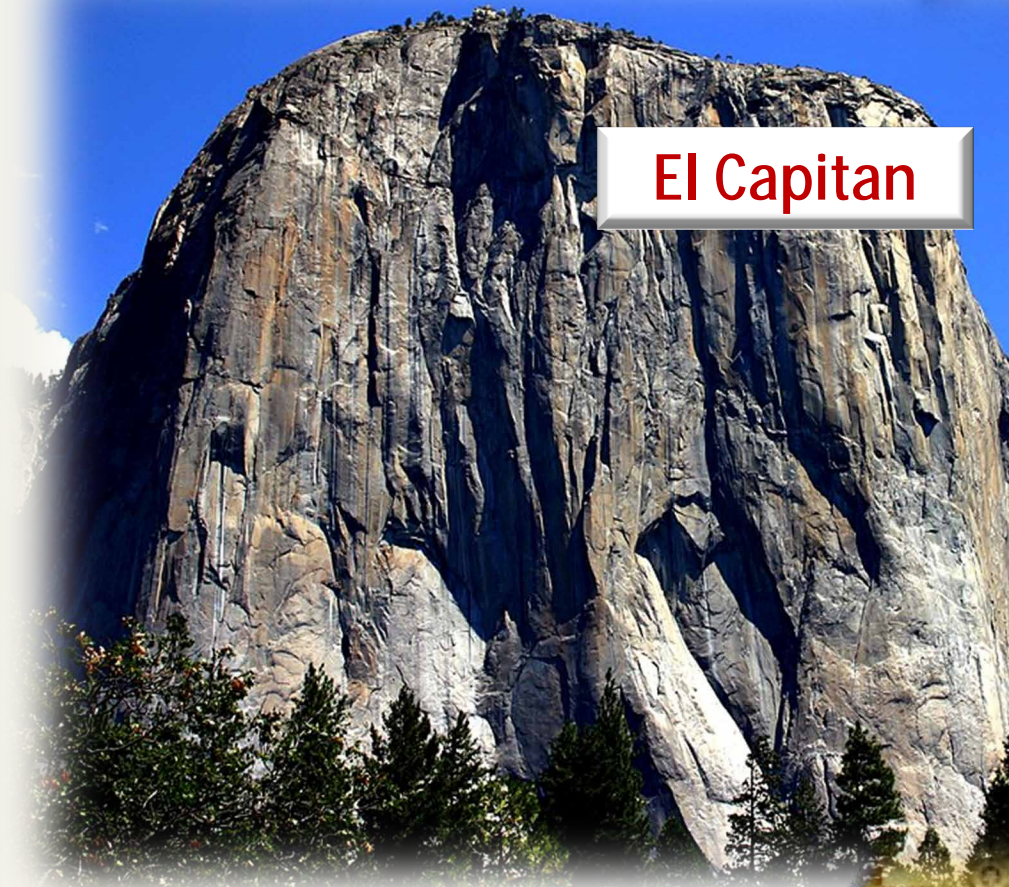


# 3:21-31 – Righteousness *Through* FAITH

And so, we summit El Capitan

Romans 3:28 ... For we maintain  
a person is JUSTIFIED  
by FAITH apart from  
the works of the law.

Reflecting on this, Paul concludes:



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29 Or is God the God of Jews only?

Is he not the God of Gentiles too?

Yes, of Gentiles too **us too**

30 since there is only one God, who will justify

the circumcised by **FAITH** and

the uncircumcised through that

same **FAITH**.

31 Do we, then, nullify the Law

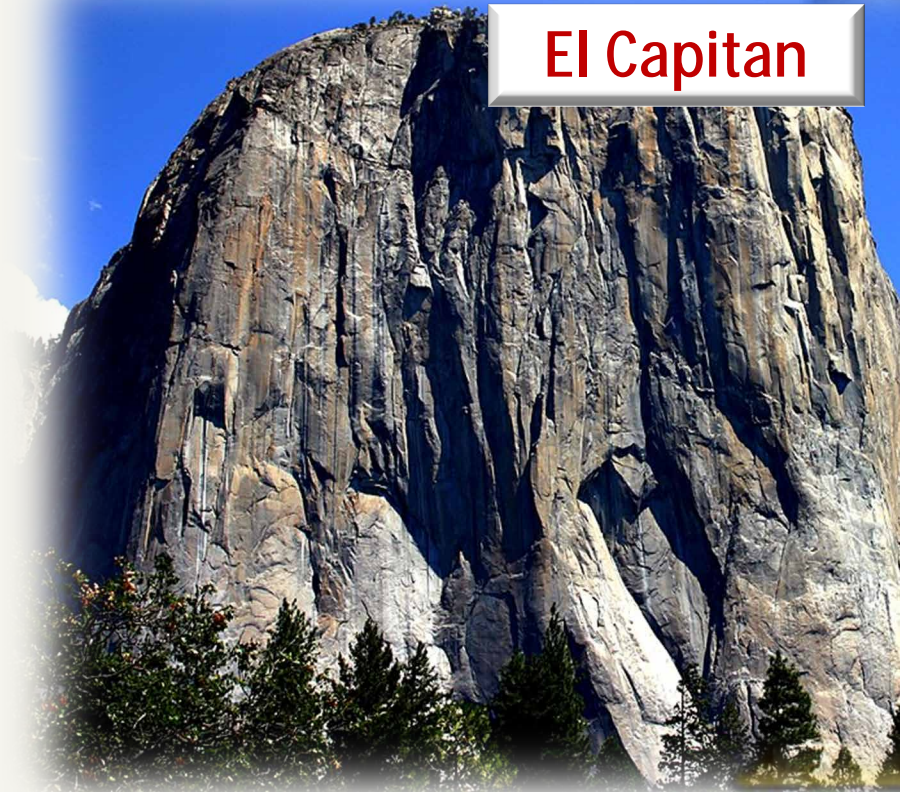
by this **FAITH**?

Not at all!

Rather, we uphold the Law.



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3:21-31 – Righteousness *Through* FAITH

Not that easy to illustrate ... Not very poetic

Not smooth like desert sand

Rocky, Rugged ... hard to climb ... **but CLEAR**

Romans 3:28 ...

For we maintain a person is

**JUSTIFIED by FAITH**

apart from the works of  
the Law.

Quintessence of the Gospel

**FAITH in Jesus Christ ALONE**



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