

**Jesus the Righteous, Jesus our Justifier**  
***JESUS OUR HERO!***  
**Romans 3: 21-26**

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**Sin**

**Salvation**

**Sancti-  
fication**

**Sovereignty**

**Service**

**So Long**

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

To all those in Rome who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

the rest of the Gentiles. I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

## TRUTH:

### We All Stand Before God, Guilty. Romans 3:19-20

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended

from heaven to come to you, but I was hindered. For I was hindered by my weakness, but now I am strong. For I am plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but

## Verse 21

**The Righteousness of God Revealed**

**Independent from the Law, God's righteousness is revealed through Messiah's death in my place, and imputed/credited to the believer**

Some believe God's righteousness is imparted, not imputed, semantics? – ***NO, there is a difference!***

**Imputed**: One who places their trust in Jesus as their Savior, Christ's righteousness is credited to them

The believer is counted as righteous, declared righteous, ***but is not righteous!***

We still have a fleshly sin nature

**This is the first phase of salvation - JUSTIFICATION**

**IMPARTATION:** The believer is infused with righteousness – *we are righteous!*

Impartation is the future, in the third phase of salvation - **GLORIFICATION**

**SANCTIFICATION** is phase two of salvation

We cooperate with the Holy Spirit and live out a changed life

*We start to look more and more like Jesus!*

# The Three Tenses of "Salvation"

## Past Tense:

Separation from the *Penalty* of Sin

You have been saved.

**Justification**

1 Corinthians 6:11; Titus 3:5  
Colossians 1:13, 14; Eph. 2:8, 9  
Romans 5:1, 2; Colossians 2:13, 14

## Present Tense:

Separation from the *Power* of Sin

You are being saved.

**Sanctification**

Philippians 1:6; 2:12, 13; 2 Cor. 5:17  
2 Peter 3:17, 18; Romans 8:29  
2 Corinthians 3:18; 4:16, 17

## Future Tense:

Separation from the *Presence* of Sin

You will be saved.

**Glorification**

Matthew 10:22; James 1:12  
Hebrews 10:39; Revelation 2:10  
Philippians 3:20, 21; 1 John 3:2

Don't you love 1 John 3: 2?

*“Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.”*

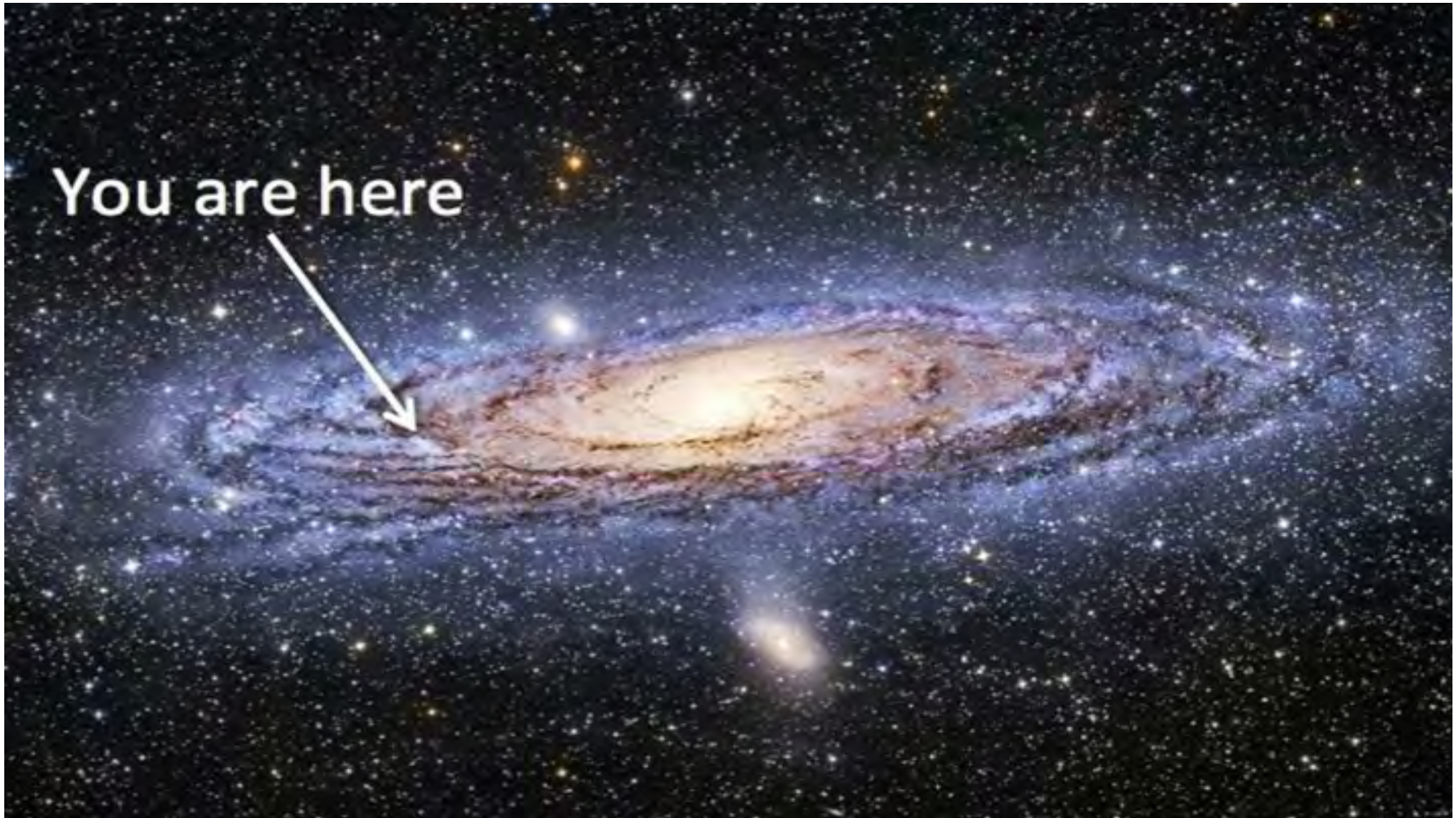
Focus on: *“Like Him”*

New body, fit for the eternal state

New mind, able to commune with God in the eternal state

In our present state, we are imbeciles compared to God (*stupid with low intelligence*) – Isaiah 55: 8-9

You are here



**Verse 22 - 23**

**All who believe (*faith*) can enjoy God forever**

**Our amazing God has made salvation so simple, so easy – *simply by faith!***

**All a person needs to do is believe in (*have faith in*) what Jesus has done for them**

**Jesus is real . . . . .**

**Jesus loves you . . . . .**

**Jesus died for you!**

***BELIEVE AND ENJOY GOD FOREVER!***

**Verse 24 - 26**

**Jesus the Righteous, *our Justifier!***

When I say “justification”, think Christ’s righteousness credited to me

When I say “redemption”, think payment of the ransom price – *Christ’s life for my life!*

When I say “propitiation”, think an acceptable sacrifice appeasing the wrath of God

**Only Jesus is the acceptable sacrifice that can satisfy the wrath of God**

**For all rejectors of Messiah, God’s wrath will be poured out on them for eternity – *This is serious!***

**CLOSING THOUGHTS: JESUS THE RIGHTEOUS, OUR  
JUSTIFIER, OUR HERO!**

To be our Justifier, God/Jesus had to become one of us,  
a mere human

*“But made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of  
a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And  
being found in appearance as a man, He humbled  
Himself and became obedient to the point of death,  
even death on the cross.”*

**Philippians 2: 7-8**

**KENOSIS:** a voluntary act of the Eternal Son to set aside His heavenly privileges while here

Jesus took the form (“*morphe*”) of a bondservant (“*dulos*”) – ***His will consumed with Father’s will!***

Jesus was “***obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.***”

Can you say, **OUR HERO!!!**



حتى تضع الحرب أوزارها، هيئزل عيسى عليه السلام



*The passengers who apparently fought the hijackers died saving the U.S. Capitol and hundreds – perhaps thousands – of lives. **Todd Beamer** was a marketing manager for Oracle and former star athlete. **Tom Burnett** was COO of Thoratec Corp and a former high school quarterback. **Mark Bingham** was a PR executive. **Donald Greene** was an executive with a company that manufactured aircraft safety products.*

We use the words “*amazing*”, “*awesome*”, “*incredible*”, “*hero*”, so casually

These are words we use to describe our *JESUS!*

He, *alone*, is amazing!

He, *alone*, is awesome!!

He, *alone*, is incredible!!!

Jesus, in effect, threw Himself in front of the death bullet meant for me!

***JESUS IS THE GREATEST HERO OF ALL TIME!!***

Heroes are people  
who sacrifice to  
save a life.

He rose after His  
sacrifice to save  
every life.



Never lose track of who Jesus is and what He heroically has done for you

This is the reason we call Him LORD – *Master, Ruler, Owner of my soul!*

A silhouette of a crucifix is centered against a dramatic sunset sky. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow that reflects on the water below. The sky transitions from a deep orange near the horizon to a dark, cloudy blue at the top. The text 'JESUS IS MY HERO' is written in a serif font across the middle of the image, partially overlapping the crucifix. The entire image is framed by a thin yellow border.

JESUS IS MY HERO

**Salvation is wonderful and free!**

**Purchased for us by our hero, *JESUS!!***

***GIVE HIM ALL THE GLORY HE  
ALONE DESERVES!!***