

WEEK 3 – PURSUIT OF JUSTICE
Day 3 – Justice Satisfied



Read what? Romans 3:21–31



What?

This is where you describe what happened in the story in your own words.



So what?

This is where you talk about what this passage means to you in your own life.



Now what?

This is where you talk about what you are going to do differently because of this passage.

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This is the day we've been waiting for. After understanding the depth of human depravity, and learning about the justice that is required from a Holy God, we now can stand on this truth: because of Jesus Christ's sacrifice on the cross for us, we have been justified by our faith in Him. Justification is a legal term. It means you have been declared "not guilty" by the Creator of all things. Why? How is this possible? If ALL have sinned, and the wages of sin is death, shouldn't death be what is required of us as payment for our sins?

In verse 25, the ESV translation uses the word "propitiation." That's a fancy word that simply means "substitute." Jesus took upon Himself the punishment that we deserve. And it is only by faith in the substitutionary sacrifice of Jesus Christ that we can be declared "not guilty" of our sin. It is not based on how well we perform, it is not based on how well we can "play church," or by how many Bible verses we have memorized. In the moment that Jesus died on the cross, God poured out all of the wrath that we deserved onto His Son. It is because of this, that there now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Study Questions:

1. Looking at all 10 of these verses, how do they sum up the past three days of devotions?
2. According to verses 27–28, what justifies us?

Application Questions:

1. How does it make you feel, knowing that all of God's wrath was placed on Jesus as He hung on the cross?
2. Is there shame in your past that you need to let go of, because you have been declared "not guilty"? Take some time to pay it at the feet of Jesus and thank Him for His sacrifice.