

# ROMANS



Justification -  
3:21-26

Colosseum





**Arch of Severus,  
Arch of Titus in  
distance**



# OUTLINE

- I. Introduction** 1:1-17
- II. Prov. of God's Righteousness** 1:18-8:39
  - A. Condemnation** 1:18-3:20
  - B. Justification** 3:21-5:21

# **IMPORTANCE**

- **ROMANS = Heart of Bible**  
**= Heart of NT**
- **3:21-26 = Heart of Romans**
- **if Romans is a little Bible,**  
**3:21-26 is little Romans**

**SL Johnson**

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**3:21-**  
**26**

**Display  
of Righteousness**

**3:21-24 But now apart from the Law *the* righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even *the* righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; ...**

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**“In the opening words of Rom 3:21, ‘But now ...’ you can almost hear a sigh of relief. Now, after God’s appraisal of man’s efforts to achieve some standing before Him, come God’s words of relief. God’s total answer to man’s total failure.”**

**(Steadman )**



# **DISPENSATIONS**

**Then**

**Now**

➤ **Preparatory**

**Contingent on death**

➤ **Under Wrath**

**In Christ**

➤ **Under Law**

**Under Grace**

➤ **Dead in sin**

**Alive in Christ**

➤ **Unrighteous**

**Declared righteous**

➤ **In darkness**

**In light**

➤ **Condemned**

**Justified**

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# Display of Righteousness

Apart  
From Law

3:21

# LAW (νομος)

1. Pentateuch - 3:21
2. Mosaic Covenant - 2:20, 23
3. OT Generally - 3:19-21
4. 10 Commandments - 7:7-9
5. Mosaic Dispensation - 6:14-15
6. Civil Law - 7:1-3
7. Moral Law - 2:14
8. Principle - 3:27-28



# KEY TERMS

➤ **Law -**

**OT & Pentateuch**



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# RIGHTEOUSNESS

## 1. Terms -

δικαιος (dikaios) - righteous, just

δικαιοσυνη (dikaiosunh) -  
righteousness

δικαιωω (dikaioo) - to declare  
righteous, justify

δικαιωσις (dikaiosis) - justification

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# RIGHTEOUSNESS

1. Terms - δικαιοσυνη (dikaiosunh)
2. Usage -



# Sea of Galilee



**We have been declared righteous,  
so let us continue to grow  
in His righteousness!!!**