

To summarize Paul's amazingly robust understanding of justification expressed in or implied by this passage, we may name the following:

- forgiveness of sins
- liberation from Sin
- participation in the faithfulness of Jesus in his death
- circumcision of the heart and reception of the Spirit
- becoming the Spirit's temple
- restoration of the glory of God/the beginning of glorification
- incorporation into the covenant people of God
- not only benefiting from God's righteousness/justice but also beginning the process of embodying that righteousness/justice
- beginning a new life of faithfulness and love instead of Godlessness/idolatry and unrighteousness/injustice

Romans 3:21-26 NLT

²¹ But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. ²² We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.

²³ For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. ²⁴ Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. ²⁵ For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past, ²⁶ for he was looking ahead and including them in what he would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is fair and just, and he makes sinners right in his sight when they believe in Jesus.¹

¹ Tyndale House Publishers, [Holy Bible: New Living Translation](#) (Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, 2015), Ro 3:21–26.