

So what does “the law” tell us?

- Shut up and stop the excuses.
- You are guilty of sin.
- Forget “good works versus bad works.”
- Will never be justified by works.
- The gospel is the new “righteousness Sheriff” in town.



- (Romans 3:19-20 NLT) Obviously, the law applies to those to whom it was given, for its purpose is to keep people from having excuses, and to show that the entire world is guilty before God. 20 For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are.

1) The law speaks **accountability** to those who are under the law, 3:19-20.

- Shut up / You are accountable / You will never be justified by works of the law.

2) The righteousness of God speaks **justification**, **redemption** and **propitiation** to those who believe in Jesus Christ, 3:21-26.

- They believe.
- They understand that there is no distinction.
- They embrace Christ Jesus as wrath bearer.
- They understand righteousness at the present time.

3) The “law of faith” **leaves no room for bragging**, 3:27-31.

The Gospel ...

The Power of God for Salvation ...

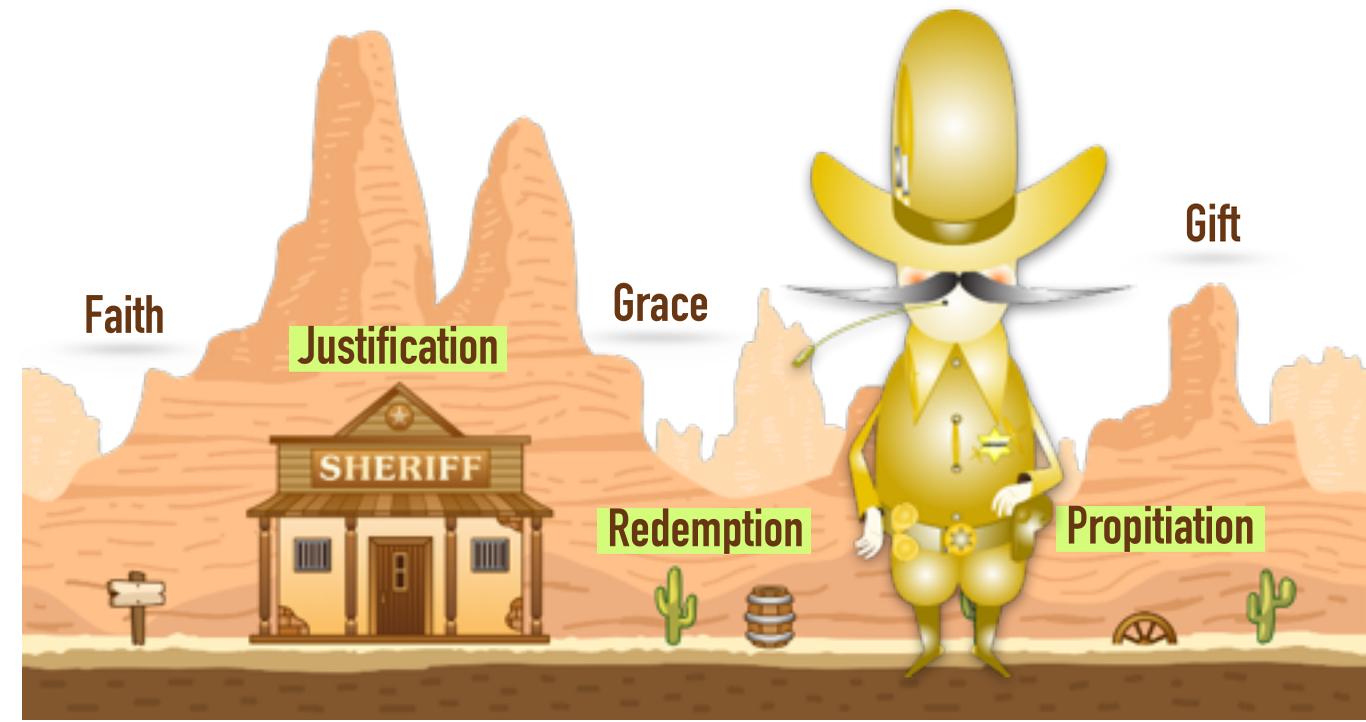
The Righteousness of God Apart from the Law ...

Romans 3:19-31

- (Romans 3:21 GW) Now, the way to receive God’s approval has been made plain in a way other than Moses’ Teachings. Moses’ Teachings and the Prophets tell us this.

“Meet the new Sheriff in town, boys!”

Righteousness apart from the law.
Righteousness based on faith in Christ.
Grace through redemption.
Propitiation by his blood.



Faith

Justification

Grace

Redemption

Propitiation

Gift