

INSIGHTS ON ROMANS: THE CHRISTIAN'S CONSTITUTION

UNWRAPPING THE GIFT OF GRACE

ROMANS 3:21–31



The Heart of the Matter

“But now . . .” (Romans 3:21). What a difference these two small words make! They mark a major transition in the book of Romans. Before, we lived under God’s wrath (1:18), but now we live under God’s grace (3:24). Then, we were spiritually dead and proven guilty in ourselves, but now we are spiritually alive and declared righteous in Christ. Then, we lived condemned by the Law and in need of rescue from ourselves, but now we have received forgiveness by Jesus’s blood and have been provided with salvation through faith. What brings about such radical changes? Hard work? Religious activity? Personal sacrifice? No, none of the above. Rather, it’s all due to God’s gift of grace.



Discovering the Way

1. Our Spiritually Bad Condition

Paul spent the better part of three chapters clarifying the depraved state of humanity.

2. God’s Wonderfully Good News (Romans 3:21–26)

Paul articulated four important facts to help us understand the gospel.

3. Some Unusually Probing Questions (Romans 3:27–31)

Paul then asked—and answered—three questions to clarify his point.

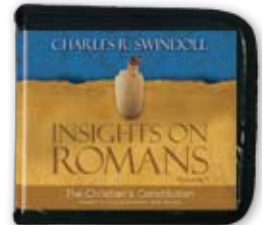


Starting Your Journey

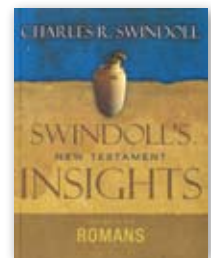
This passage teaches us two important truths that should change the way we think about salvation.



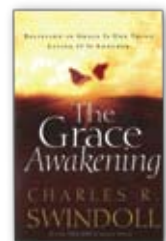
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