

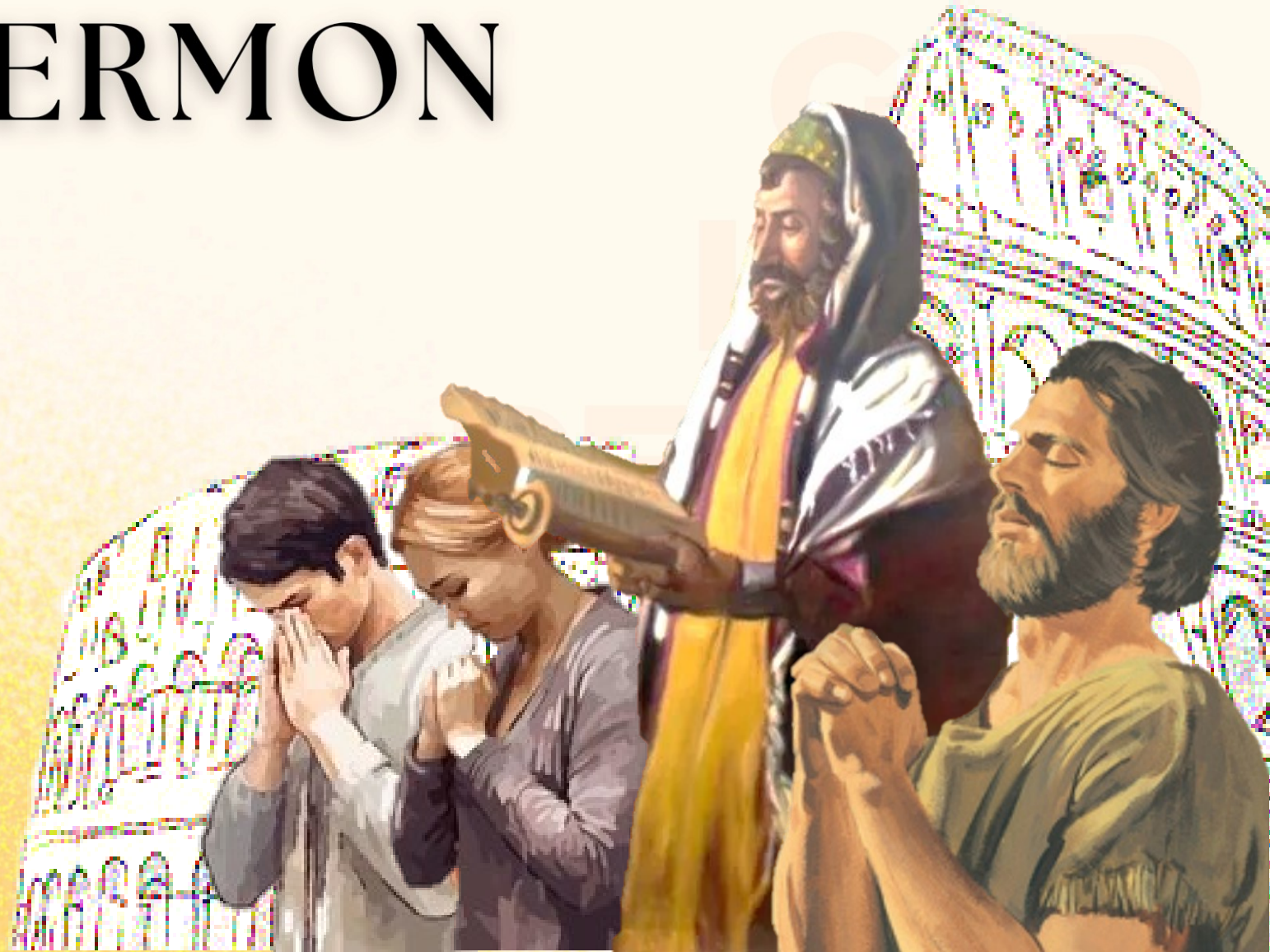
SUNGAI WAY-SUBANG METHODIST CHURCH

# SUNDAY SERMON

## All Alike

*Romans 3*

**by Ng Oon-Ee**



LOVE

JUSTICE



# All Alike

Romans 3



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# How Are We Different?

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- Uniqueness
- Individuality
- Outstanding qualities



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# Differences Matter

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- Function
- Accommodations
- Community





# Paul's Claim (Romans 3)

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We are ALL alike



# Background

Intra-church tensions

Claudius' edict (Acts 18:1-2)

10 years later...

# Audience

Jews

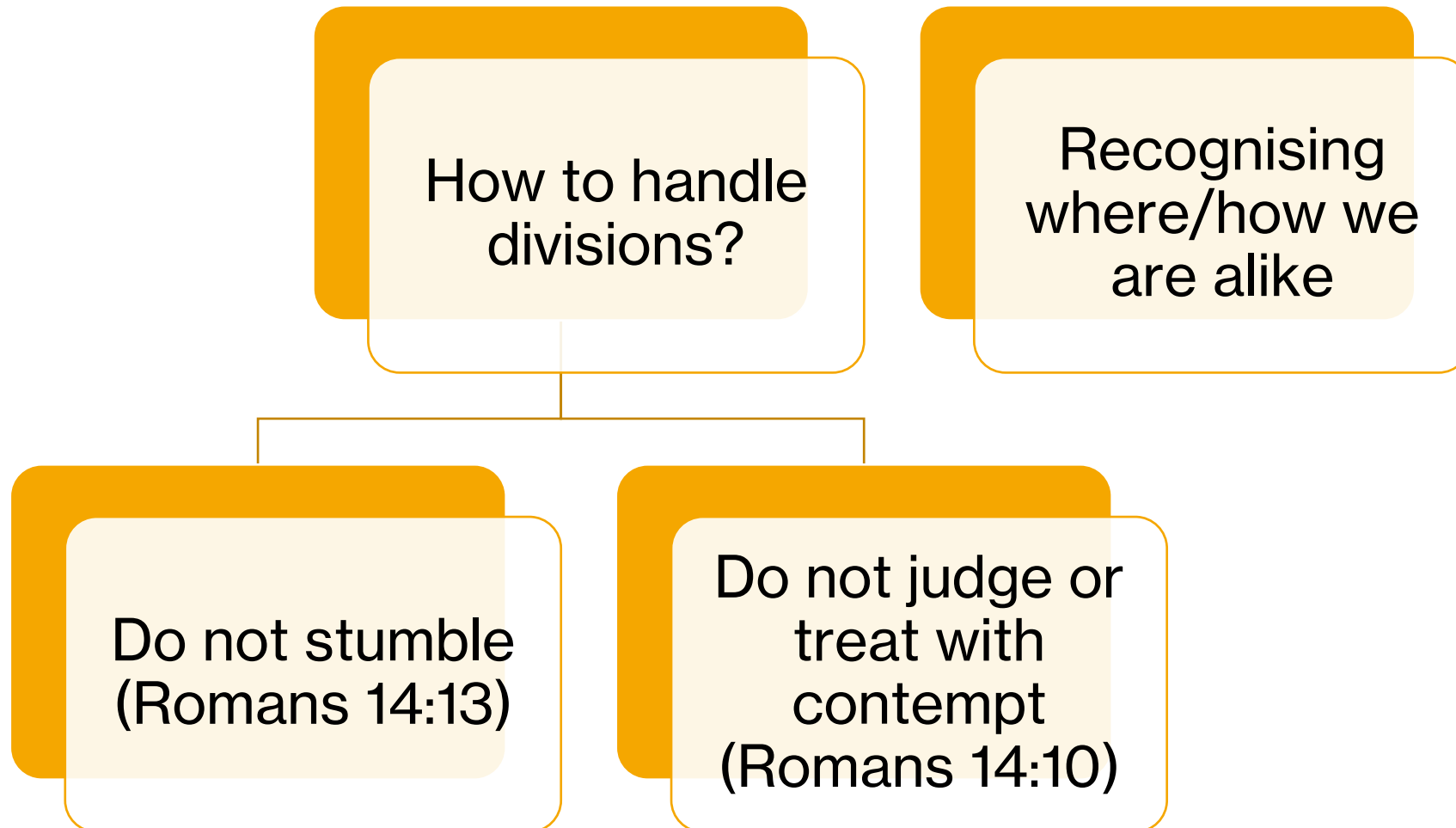
Christians

Jewish Christians

Gentile Christians

# Unity in the Faith

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# It is Written

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# Romans 3:9b-20

... we have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are **all** under the power of sin. As it is written:

“There is **no one** righteous, **not even one**;  
there is **no one** who understands;  
there is **no one** who seeks God.

# Romans 3:9b-20

**All** have turned away,  
they have **together** become worthless;  
there is **no one** who does good,  
**not even one.**”

“Their throats are open graves;  
their tongues practice deceit.”

## Romans 3:9b-20

“The poison of vipers is on their lips.”

“Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness.”

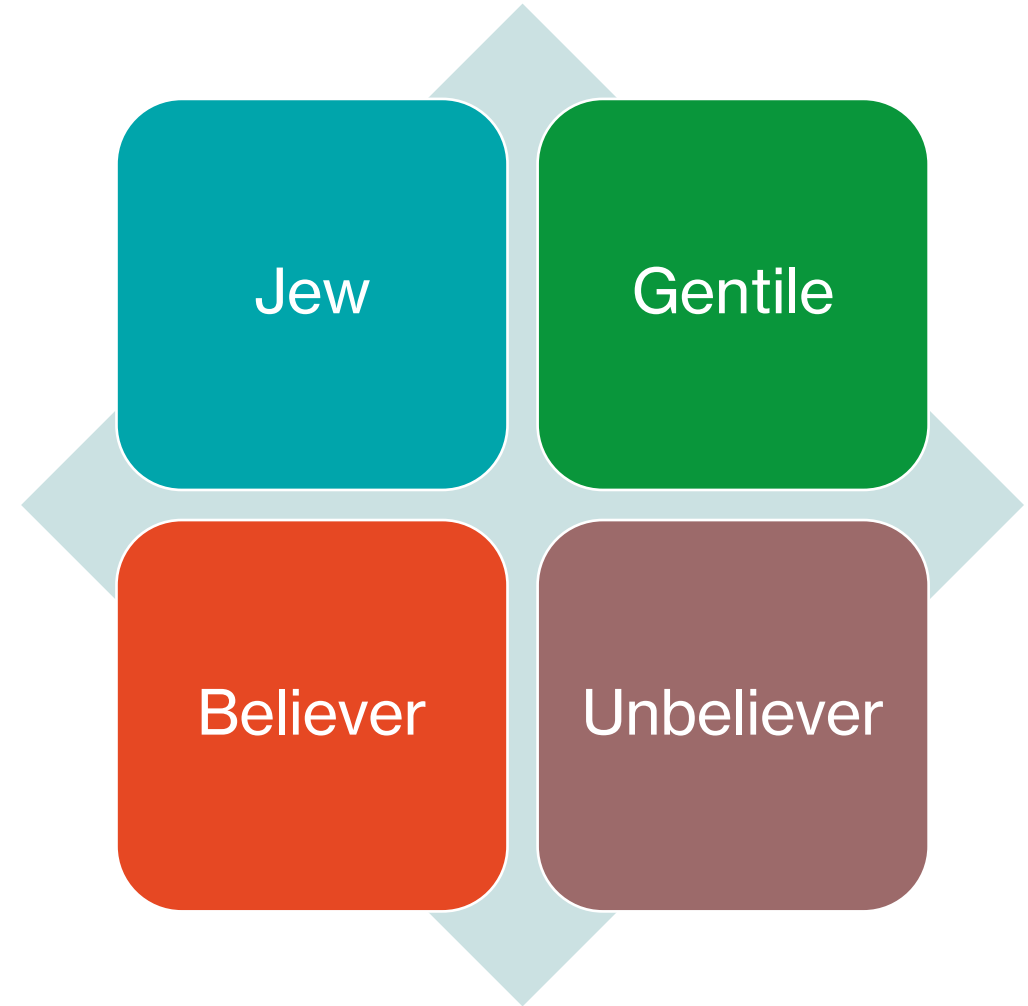
“Their feet are swift to shed blood;  
ruin and misery mark their ways,  
and the way of peace they do not know.”

“There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

# Romans 3:9b-20

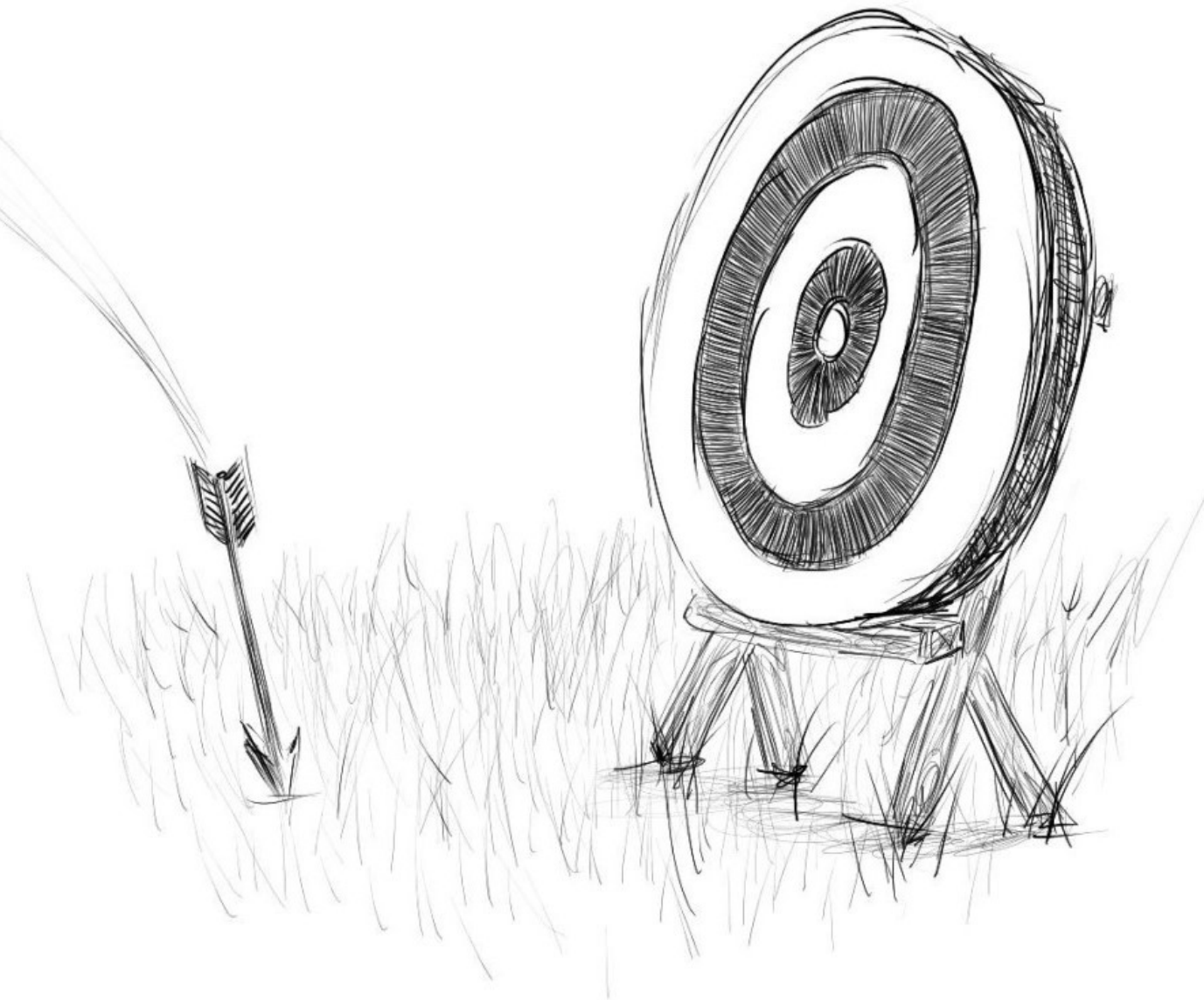
Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that **every mouth** may be silenced and **the whole world** held accountable to God. Therefore **no one** will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.





# Alike in Unrighteousness

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## **Romans 3:22b-23**

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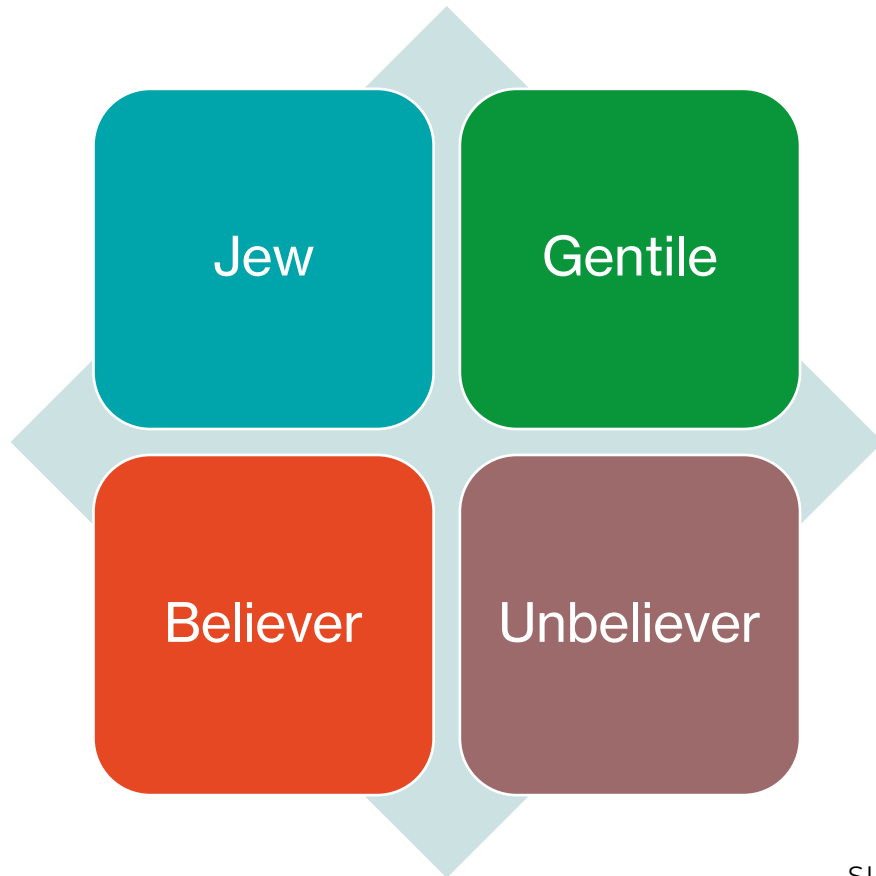
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of God ...



**Righteousness is  
not a possession,  
it is a likeness**

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# Alike in Unrighteousness



# Romans 3:21-25a

But **now** apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This **righteousness is given** through **faith** in **Jesus Christ to all who believe**. There is **no difference** between Jew and Gentile, for **all have sinned** and **fall short** of the **glory of God**,



# Romans 13:21-25a

and **all are justified** freely by his **grace** through the **redemption** that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a **sacrifice of atonement**, through the **shedding of his blood** – to be received by **faith**.

# Three Terms from Romans 3:21-25a

Justification

Redemption

Propitiation



# Justification

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# Redemption

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# Propitiation

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Sacrifice of atonement







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# Alike in Righteousness through Faith

Jew

Gentile

Believer







What does  
this **mean**?

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**We are all **Alike** in  
Unrighteousness**

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**We are all  
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# Our Confidence is in Christ

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# All Alike

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