

This handout provides an in-depth comparison of Romans 3:21-26. The original scripture is shown alongside an expanded definition to enhance comprehension. It is intended for study purposes to enrich your understanding of key biblical concepts. By Franz Martens, Fellowship Potsdam

Expanded

Original (NKJV)

Romans 3:21 (Expanded)

But now the **just and fair** way of God, apart from the law, is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,

Romans 3:22 (Expanded)

even the **just and fair** way of God, through **trust and reliance on God and His promises** in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference;

Romans 3:23 (Expanded)

for all have **missed the mark of righteousness** and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 3:24 (Expanded)

being **made righteous without a cause, undeservedly** by His **unmerited favor**, through the **deliverance after paying a ransom** that is in Christ Jesus,

Romans 3:25 (Expanded)

whom God set forth as a **sacrifice that satisfies God's wrath and averts His judgment** by His blood, through **trust and reliance on God and His promises**, to demonstrate His **just and fair way**, because in His **tolerance and patience** God had **not executed judgment** on the sins that were previously committed,

Romans 3:26 (Expanded)

to demonstrate at the present time His **just and fair way**, that He might be **fair** and the One who **clears of wrongdoing** the person who has **trust and reliance on God and His promises** in Jesus.

Romans 3:21 (NKJV)

But now the **righteousness** of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets.

Romans 3:22 (NKJV)

even the **righteousness** of God, through **faith** in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference;

Romans 3:23 (NKJV)

for all have **sinned** and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 3:24 (NKJV)

being **justified freely** by His **grace** through the **redemption** that is in Christ Jesus,

Romans 3:25 (NKJV)

whom God set forth as a **propitiation** by His blood, through **faith**, to demonstrate His **righteousness**, because in His **forbearance** God had **passed over** the sins that were previously committed,

Romans 3:26 (NKJV)

to demonstrate at the present time His **righteousness**, that He might be **just** and the **justifier** of the one who has **faith** in Jesus.

Key Word Definitions

- Sinned:** Missed the mark of righteousness
- Righteousness:** Just and fair
- Justified:** To be made righteous
- Freely:** Without a cause, undeservedly
- Grace:** Unmerited favor
- Redemption:** Deliverance after paying a ransom

- Propitiation:** A sacrifice that satisfies God's wrath and averts His judgment
- Faith:** Trust and reliance on God and His promises
- Forbearance:** Tolerance, patience
- Passed Over:** Not executing judgment
- Just:** Fair
- Justifier:** To be cleared of wrongdoing