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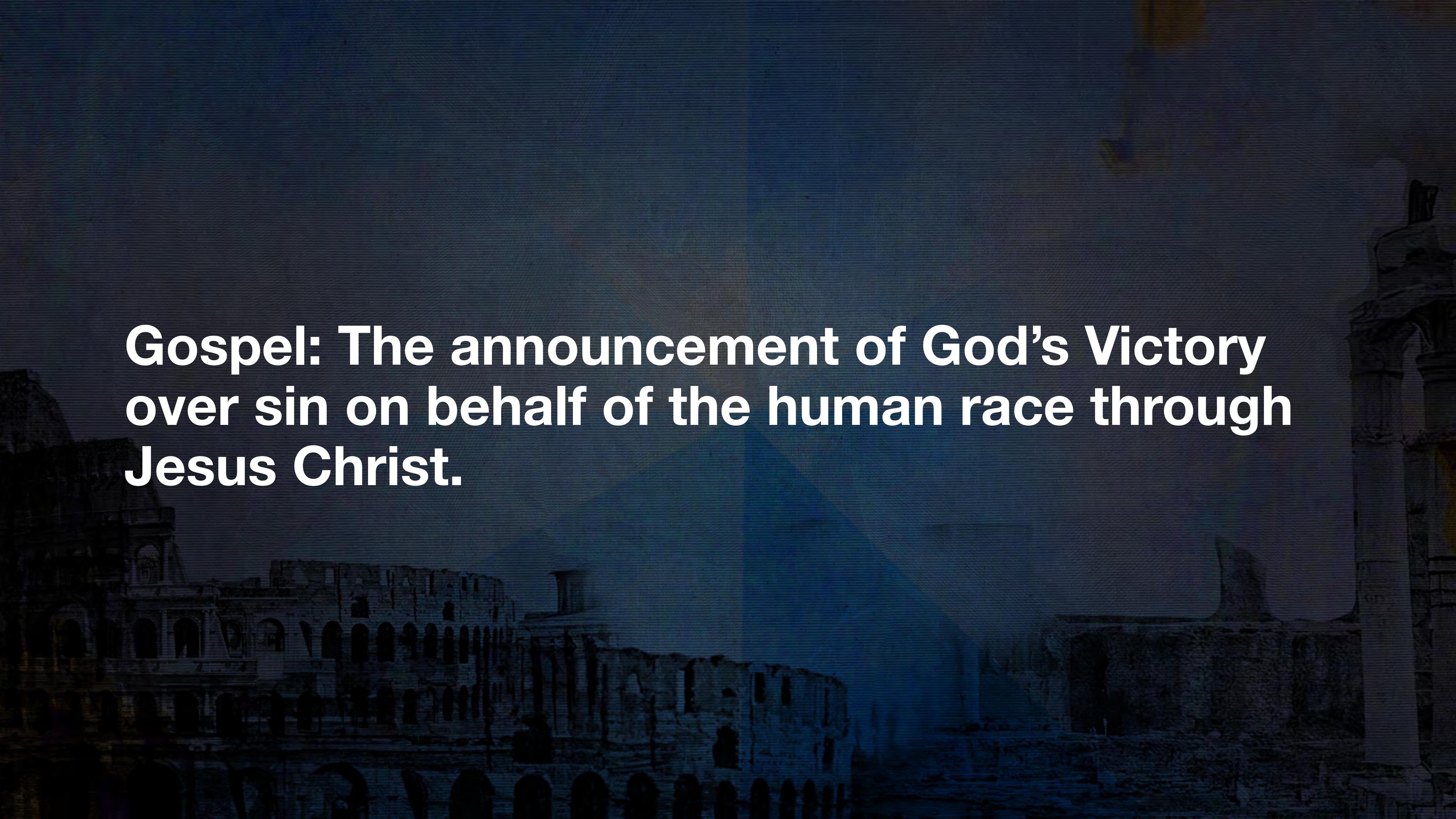
God's Plan for Redemption Revealed in **ROMANS**

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the **power of God for salvation** to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the **righteousness of God** is revealed **from faith for faith**, as it is written, **“The righteous shall live by faith.”**

Romans 1:16-17 ESV

Romans 3:21-26 is “The chief point, and the very central place of the Epistle, and of the whole Bible.”

Martin Luther

A dark, atmospheric image of a city skyline at night. In the foreground, a bridge with a prominent arch spans a body of water. In the background, a tall, illuminated tower rises against a dark sky. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

**Gospel: The announcement of God's Victory
over sin on behalf of the human race through
Jesus Christ.**

1. The Good News

But now the **righteousness of God** has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it - the **righteousness of God** through **faith in Jesus Christ** for all who **believe**. For there is no distinction: for **all have sinned** and fall short of the glory of God,

and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Romans 3:21-26 ESV

but now: In the present or as the case stands.

righteousness of God has been manifested:
The status of legal rectitude that satisfies the
moral requirements of God's character.

**righteousness of God through faith in Jesus
Christ for all who believe: comes to fruition
with a human response.**

The Law and The Prophets: OT Scriptures

For there is no distinction:

Romans 3:22 ESV

For all have sinned and fall short of the Glory of God.

Romans 3:23 ESV

Sinned: *hamartia* - to miss the mark in the sense of violating a divine law.

Fall short: *hystereo* - to be behind or to come late.

The Glory of God: *doxa* - to come in behind the righteousness that God judges to be glory.

...are justified by his grace as a gift, through
the redemption that is in Christ Jesus...

Romans 3:24 ESV

Justified: *dikaio* - to become judicially vindicated as having complied with the requirements of the law (of God).

Grace: *charis* - goodwill freely disseminated (by God); especially to the benefit of the recipient regardless of the benefit accrued to the disseminator.

Redemption: *apolytrosis* - to set free, to deliver, liberation, release.

...whom God put forward as a **propitiation** by
his blood, to be **received by faith**.

Romans 3:25 ESV

Propitiation: *hilasterion* - The means of appeasing wrath and gaining the good will of an offended person.

In addition to appeasing God's wrath "On the cross, Paul is in effect saying, God has presented Christ as the new covenant 'mercy seat' – the place where God takes care of the problem of sin."

Douglas J. Moo

Righteousness of God – God putting us in the right.

God's righteousness – God's attribute of righteousness, the quality of being free from favoritism, what is right.

The Gospel Message

Because God is righteous (Just), we are judicially vindicated, being viewed as having complied with the requirements of the Law, freely disseminated by God's Grace, liberated by faith in Christ Jesus, as He addressed God's wrath and brought forth His good will.

2. The Implications Of The Gospel

Human boasting is excluded

Then what becomes of our **boasting**? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the **law of faith**. For we hold that one is **justified by faith** apart from works of the law.

Romans 3:27-28 ESV

For **by grace** you have been **saved** through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the **gift of God**, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9 ESV

2. The Implications Of The Gospel

Jews & Gentiles have equal access
to God by faith

Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the
God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also,
since God is one—who will **justify** the
circumcised by **faith** and the uncircumcised
through **faith**.

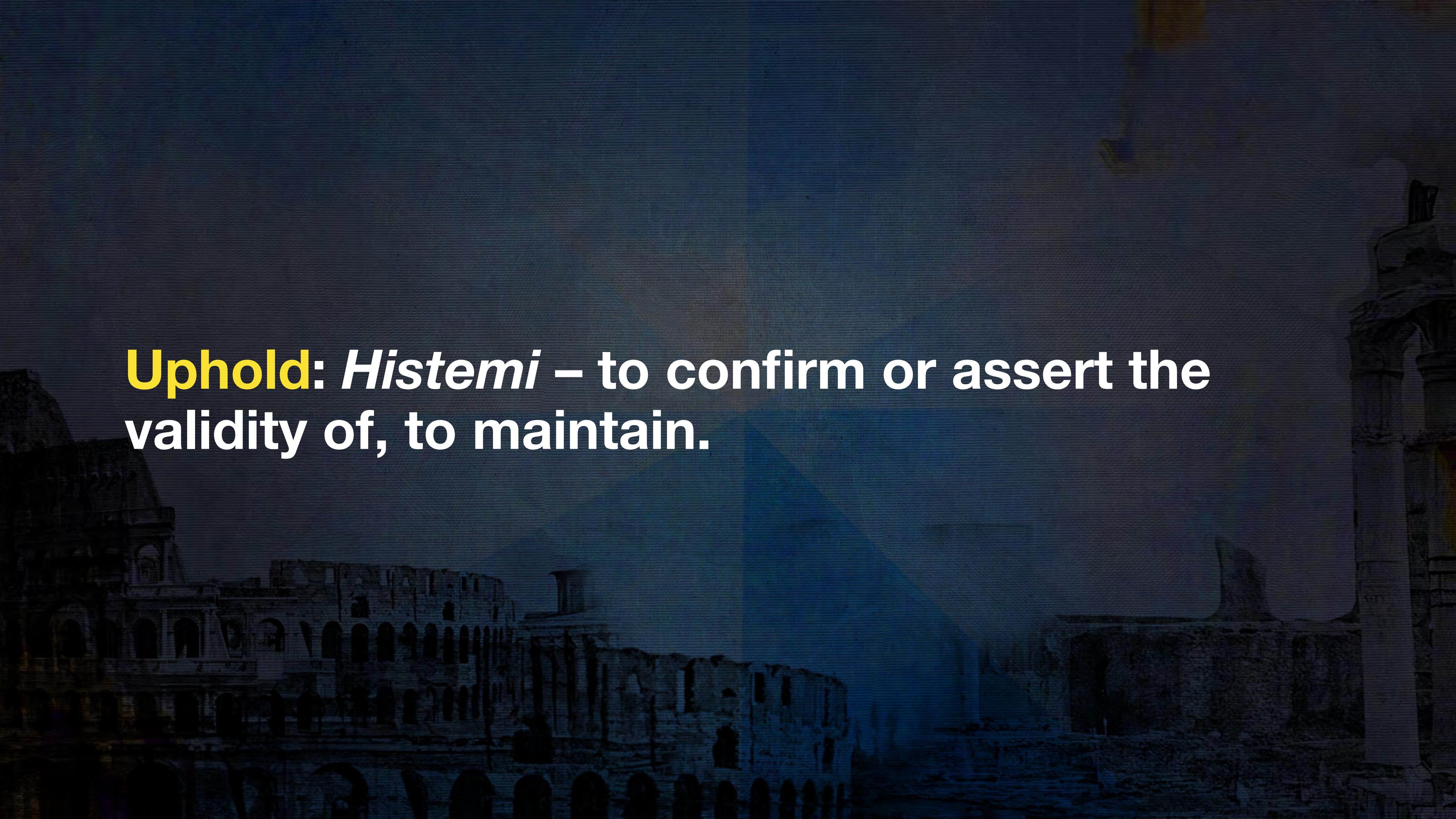
Romans 3:29-30 ESV

2. The Implications Of The Gospel

The Law's requirements are established not discarded

Do we then overthrow the law by this faith?
By no means! On the contrary, **we uphold the law.**

Romans 3:31 ESV



Uphold: *Histemi* – to confirm or assert the validity of, to maintain.

Imputed: assigned to, attributed to, credited to someone w/o directly doing it.

Do not think that I have come to **abolish** the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to **abolish** them but to **fulfill** them.

Matthew 5:17 ESV

Fulfill: *plerow* – to complete, bring to full expression, accomplish the purpose of.

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- Jews and Gentiles have access to God by faith
- The Law's requirements are established not discarded

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and
uphold me with a willing spirit.**

Psalm 51:12 ESV



1. Works Find Their Proper Relationship To Salvation

**“It is therefore faith
alone which justifies,
and yet the faith
which justifies is not
alone.”**

John Calvin



**“Good works... follow
this faith, but cannot
go before it.”**

John Wesley





2. God Pays The Price For The Offense Against Himself

'Cause how many kings stepped down from their
thrones?

How many lords have abandoned their homes?

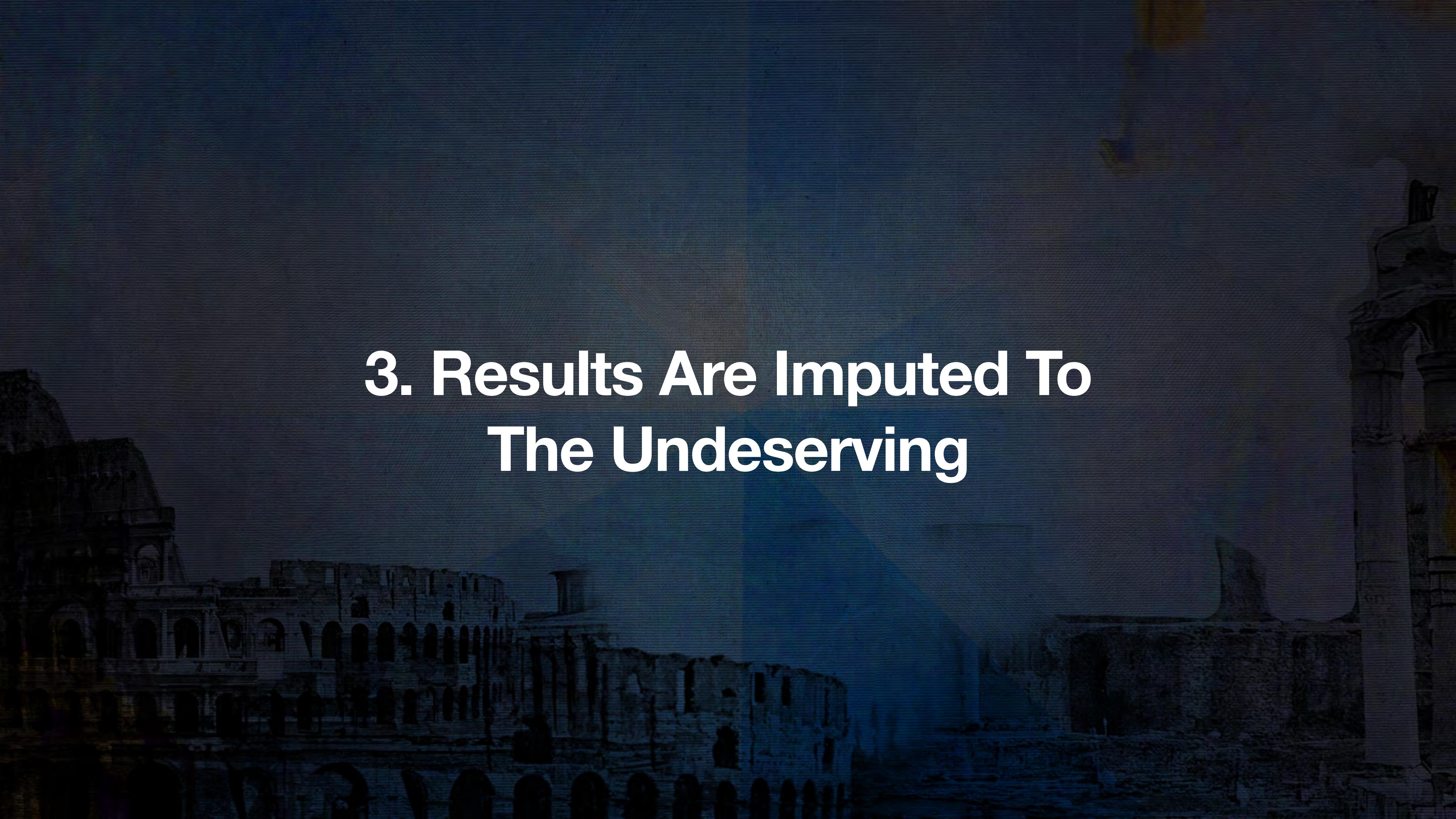
How many greats have become the least for me?

And how many gods have poured out their hearts

To romance a world that has torn all apart?

How many fathers gave up their sons for me?

Downhere



3. Results Are Imputed To The Undeserving

Imputed: assigned to, attributed to, credited to someone without directly doing it.

God made him who **had no sin** to be **sin** for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21 ESV