

death upholds God's Law and displays God's justice!
God's justice is also displayed in His justification of believing sinner. God does not simply declare a believing sinner righteous on no basis whatever. Rather, God credits to that sinner the merit of Christ's righteousness, and then declares that man righteous. Thus God shows us the basis of His act of justification- Christ's atonement- and thus shows Himself to be just at the very time He is showing Himself to be gracious in justification of believing sinners.

(Chart studies - Romans 3 , and transparency Romans 3:
on justification)

In Romans 3:27 " Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. On what principle? On that of observing the Law? No, but on that of faith." Paul points out the fact that justification by faith excludes boasting, something that justification by my own righteous works would never exclude.

Romans 3: 28-30 stress the principle that Jews and Gentiles are justified the same way - by faith, apart from observing the Law.

In Romans 3:31 the question is raised, Does this faith principle nullify, cancel, abolish, do away with, the Law of God? By no means! Rather, this faith principle establishes and confirms the Law!

How does it do this?

Well, if we are declared righteous, by trusting in Christ and His redemption- His sacrifice of atonement- and if Christ in His atonement has met all of the demands of the Law of God, then faith in Christ's atonement establishes the Law. Instead of canceling or setting aside God's Law, Christ fully satisfies all of its righteous demands, thus showing that the Law is binding and that it must be fulfilled if human beings are ever to be righteous in God's sight!