

In verses 29 and 30 Paul affirms that this way of being declared righteous by faith alone is open to both Jews and Gentiles. He writes:

Is God the God of Jews only? Is He not the God of Gentiles too? Yes, of Gentiles too, since there is only one God, who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith.

And in verse 31 Paul asks: "Do we, then, nullify the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law."

How does the faith principle uphold the law of God? By fulfilling the law's requirements. The Lord Jesus Christ lived a perfect sacrificial life, fulfilling all of the requirements of the law, and He died a perfect sacrificial death, exhausting the guilt and penalty of the broken law.

Thus the law of God is not nullified at all, but rather upheld. All the demands of the law are fully satisfied at the very same time the believing sinner is declared righteous!

What a wonderful salvation! What a marvelous conception! Only God could have thought of such a beautiful plan. God can be just and can justly declare believing sinners like us to be righteous with the righteousness of Christ!

With Nicolaus von Zinzendorf we can sing:

**Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.**

**Bold shall I stand in Thy great day,
For who aught to my charge shall lay?
Fully absolved through these I am,
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.**