

Who am I?

Redeemed

Last week we saw the bad news: God made us in His image (which makes us very special!) **but** we all have sinful hearts that cause us *not* to live God's way and to make a mess instead.

(But how big is this problem? Match up the words on the left to the statements on the right.)

Everyone is

Righteous (right with God, living God's way) (Romans 3:10).

No-one is

A sinner who falls short of God's glory (Romans 3:23).

Some people are

We all rely on what other people think of us. Whose opinion of us can we rely on? Whose opinion should we rely on? *(Tick the best answer below.)*

Friends at school

God

Aunts, uncles and cousins

Me

Here's the great news: God loves us because of *Jesus*, not because we're great! Paul shows us that's true in Romans 3:21-26 in 3 different ways:

Jesus **redeemed** us from being slaves!

When we sin we become trapped in it, just like a slave isn't able to get away. But Jesus paid the price to set us free.

(How much did it cost Jesus? Unscramble the backwards words below to find out!)

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Jesus made **atonement** for us!

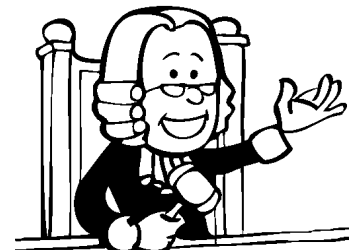
That means that He made a sacrifice to God like they used to do in the Old Testament. But instead of a sheep, Jesus sacrificed **Himself!**

(Can you draw a lamb in the space below? Read John 1:29 to see what John calls Jesus!)

Jesus took our punishment so that we could be **justified**.

If we committed a crime we would be arrested and go to prison—unless a judge decided we were not guilty. That's what being justified means: that God (the wise Judge) says we are good, not evil—like Jesus!

(Colour the judge below!)



Paul wants us to know that God saves us by **grace**—His love and kindness that He gives us even though we don't deserve it! And that should remind us that not to boast about how good we are, because God is the good One! Paul wrote another letter to remind his friends the Ephesians of the same thing. (Can you colour **and** memorise the verse below from Ephesians chapter 2?)

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CAN **BOAST.**
-Ephesians 2:8,9

