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Words could never *do justice to* her beauty.

The movie does not *do justice to* the book.













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Chaos





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BQ: How can God be just while acquitting the guilty?

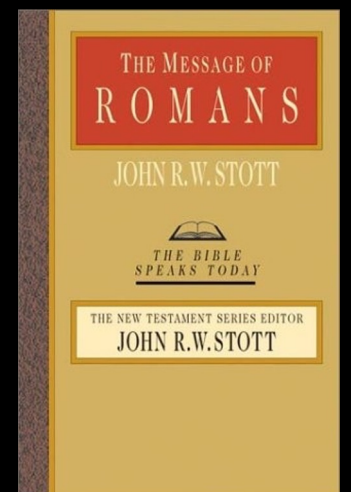


If God justifies sinners freely by his grace, on what ground does he do so? How is it possible for the righteous God to declare the unrighteous to be righteous without either compromising his righteousness or condoning their unrighteousness? That is our question.

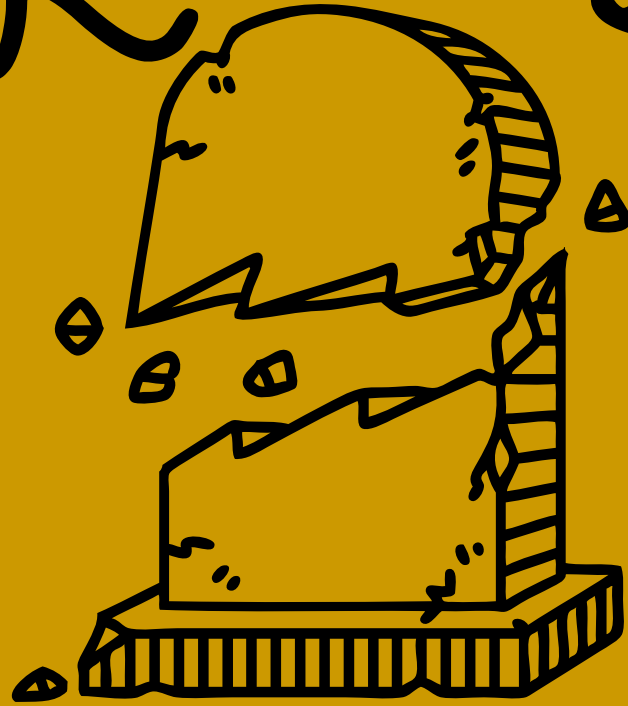
John R. W. Stott

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Romans



THE GOOD NEWS



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<sup>25</sup> Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages <sup>26</sup> but has now been disclosed.

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# “The Righteousness of God”

## Four Possibilities:

(1) the justice of God;

(2) the faithfulness of God;

(3) Being made to be in “rightness” with God;

*a) Imputation or b) Impartation*

(4) God’s act of putting people in the right.

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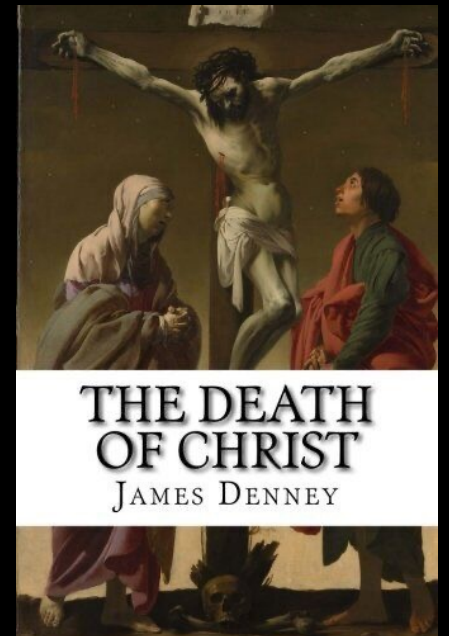
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## Exodus 23:7

<sup>7</sup> Have nothing to do with a false charge and do not put an  
innocent or honest person to death, for I will not acquit  
the guilty.

There can be no gospel unless there is such a thing as a righteousness of God for the ungodly. But just as little can there be any gospel unless the integrity of God's character be maintained. The problem of the sinful world, the problem of all religion, the problem of God in dealing with a sinful race, is how to unite these two things.

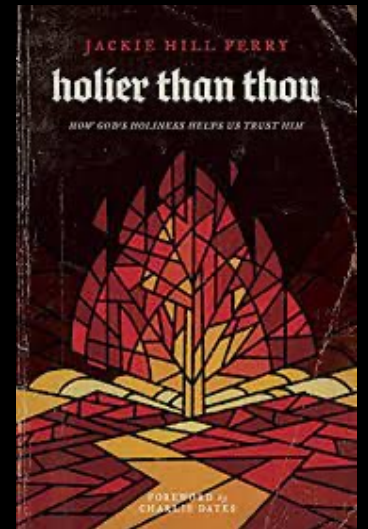
J. Denney, *The Death of Christ*  
(ed. R. V. G. Tasker; London: Tyndale, 1951), p. 98.



In an attempt to justify their belief that God isn't antagonistic toward sin, there are those that will say, "God is love." They most likely don't realize it but what they're ultimately claiming is that God is unjust.

To want God to withhold justice is to want God to make himself an abomination.

Jackie Hill Perry  
*Holier Than Thou: How God's Holiness Helps Us Trust Him*  
(B&H, 2021). 109, 17.





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ever dared believe, yet at the  
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hope.

Tim Keller

