



Grace -
Too Good To Be True!

Amazed by God's Grace

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The Gathering

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Romans 3:18-26

21. But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.

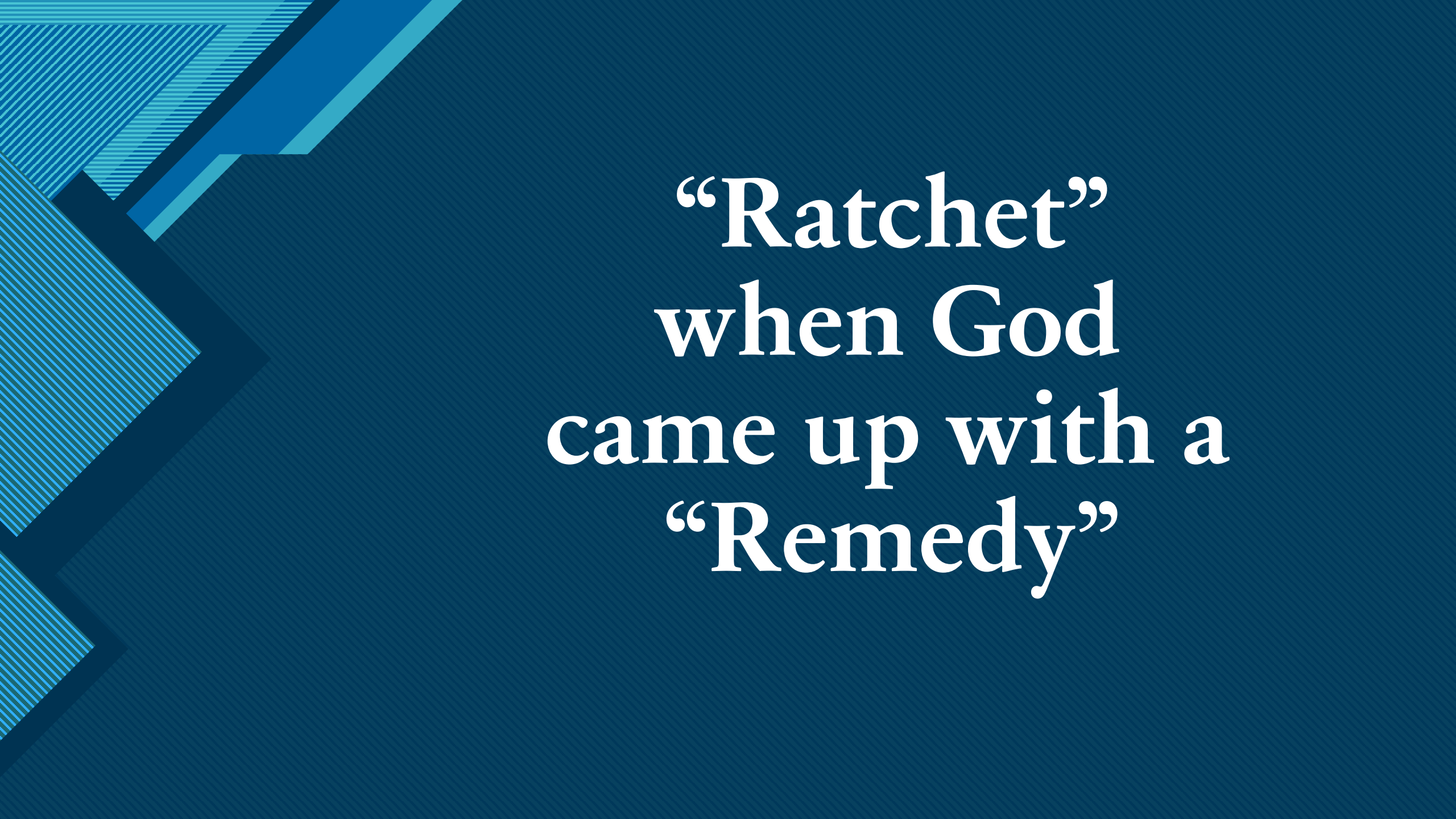
22. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

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Grace is a gift that is
undeserved.



The study of grace
is a study of contrasts.



“Ratchet”
when God
came up with a
“Remedy”



The function of the conjunction “but” is to introduce a phrase or clause that contrast with what has already been mentioned.

Sin


Transgressions – which are basically acts of rebellion or the willful breaking of God's law, it's crossing the line.

Sin

Iniquity talks about guilt or mischief, you know all those crazy things we do, we don't mean any harm, but they are wrong anyway.

Sin

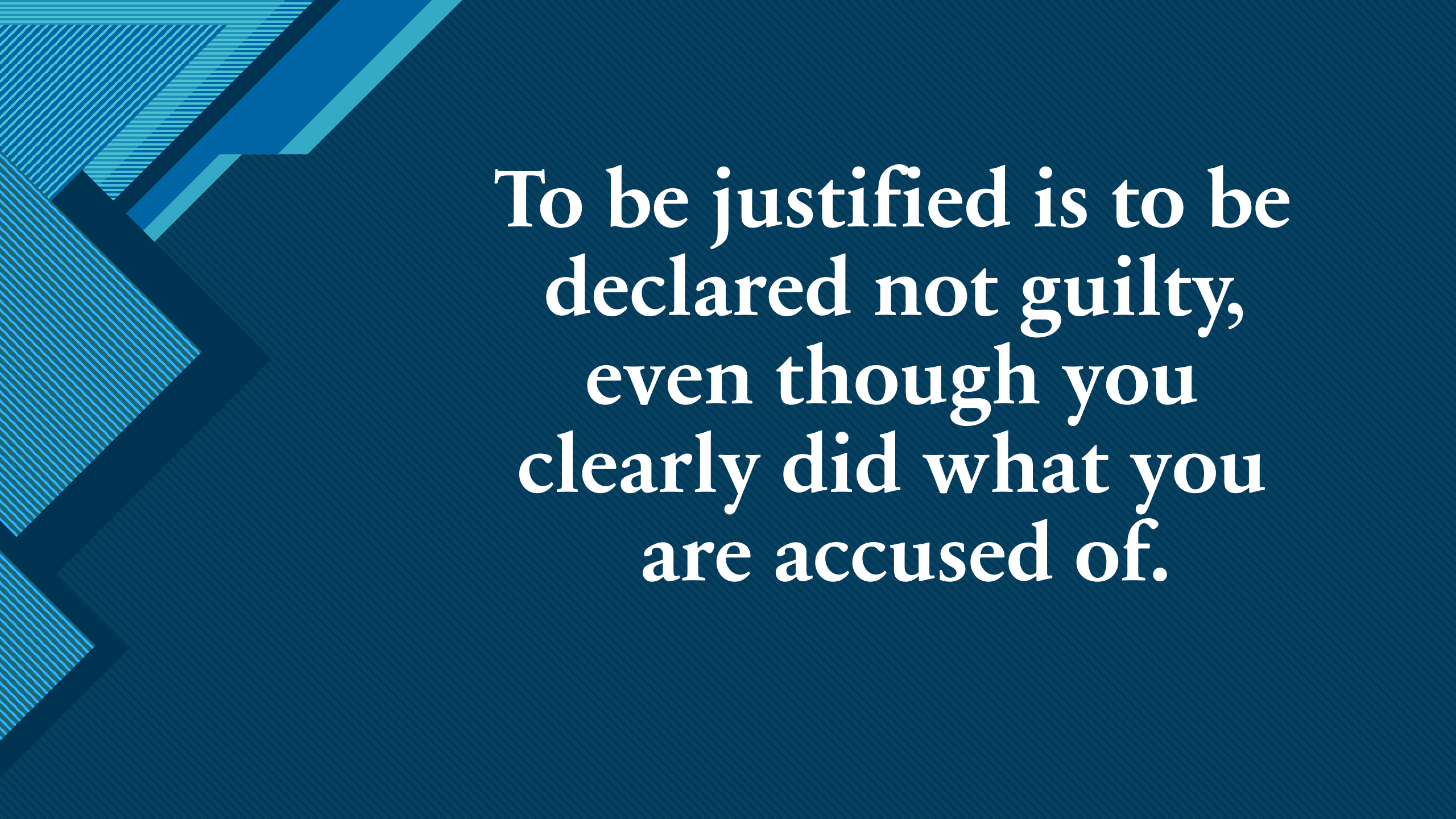
Sin is the general word that talks about missing the mark, not living up to God's expectations, God's standards.



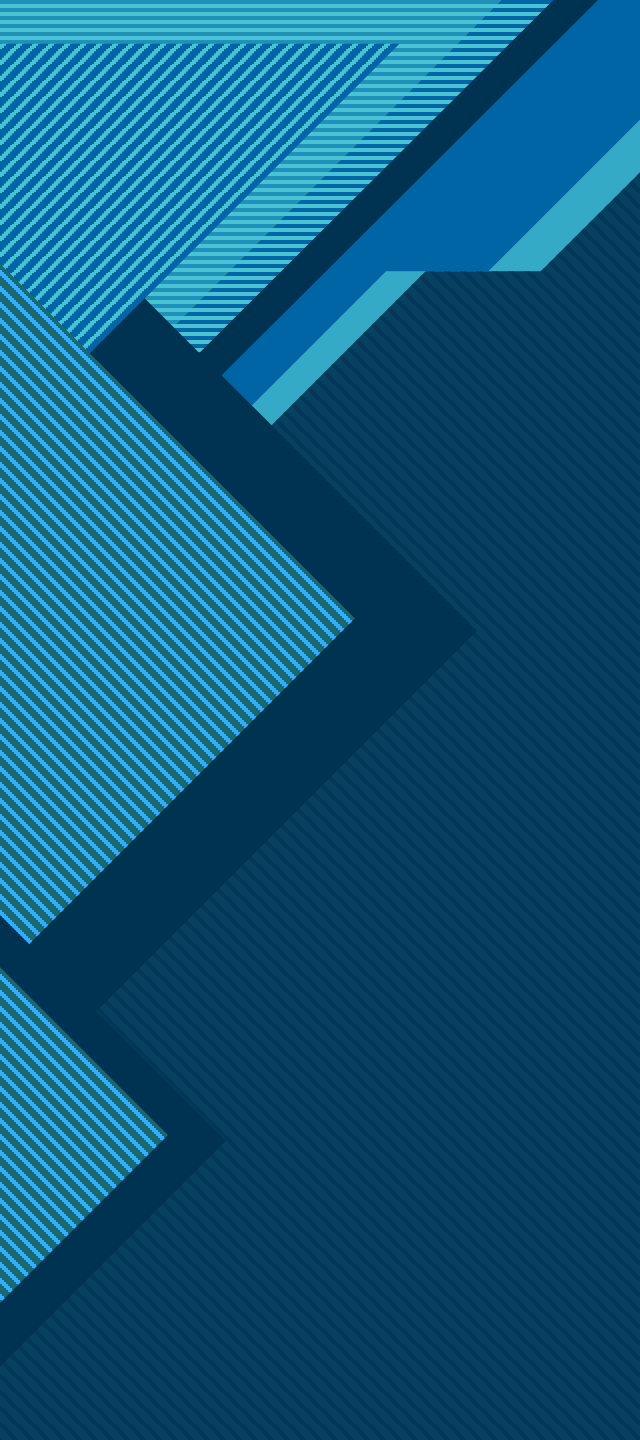
**But now apart from the law
the righteousness of God
has been made known.
This righteousness is given
through faith in Jesus
Christ to all who believe.**



This righteousness
is a “gift” of faith.

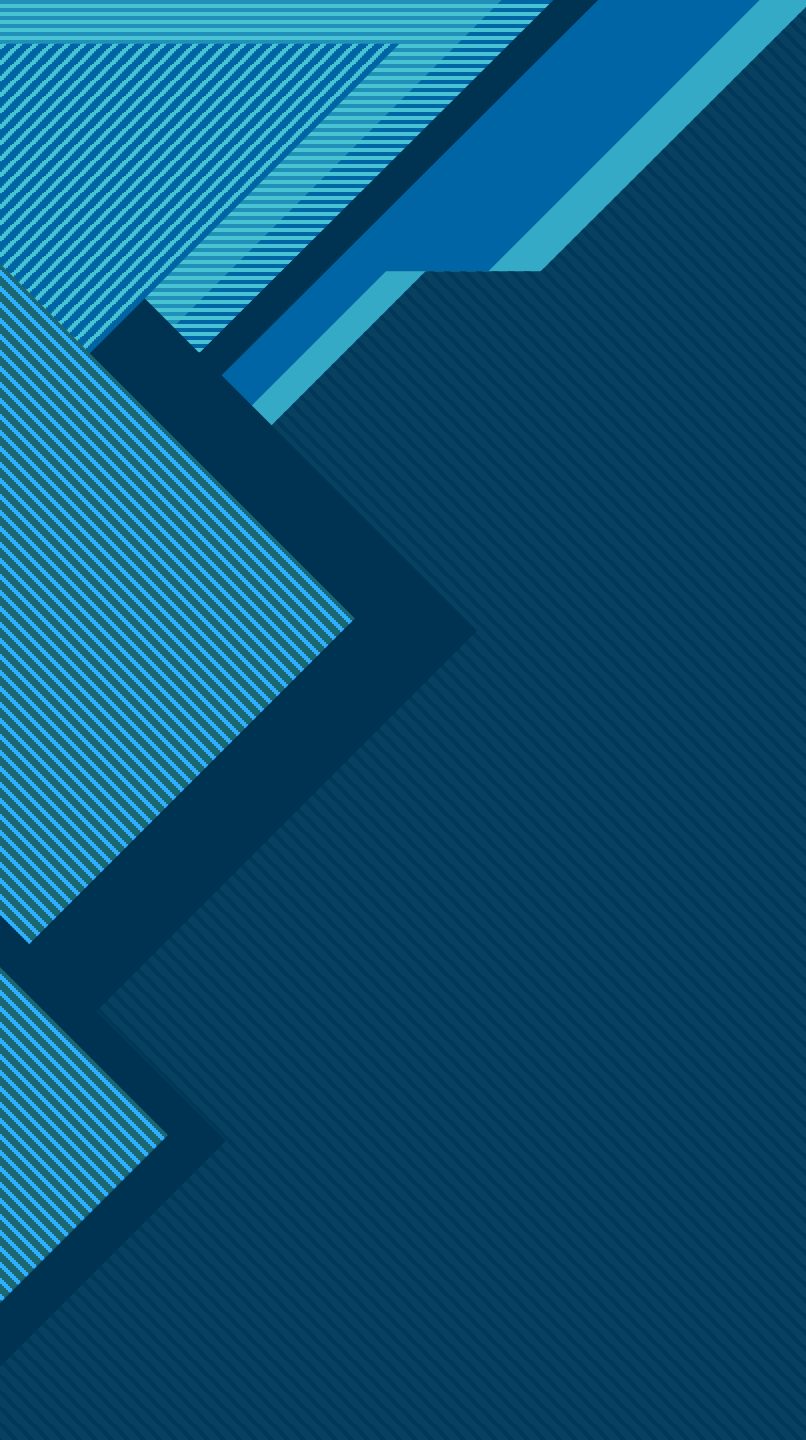


To be justified is to be
declared not guilty,
even though you
clearly did what you
are accused of.




All are “justified” freely by
his “grace” through the
redemption that came by
Christ Jesus.

Romans 3:24



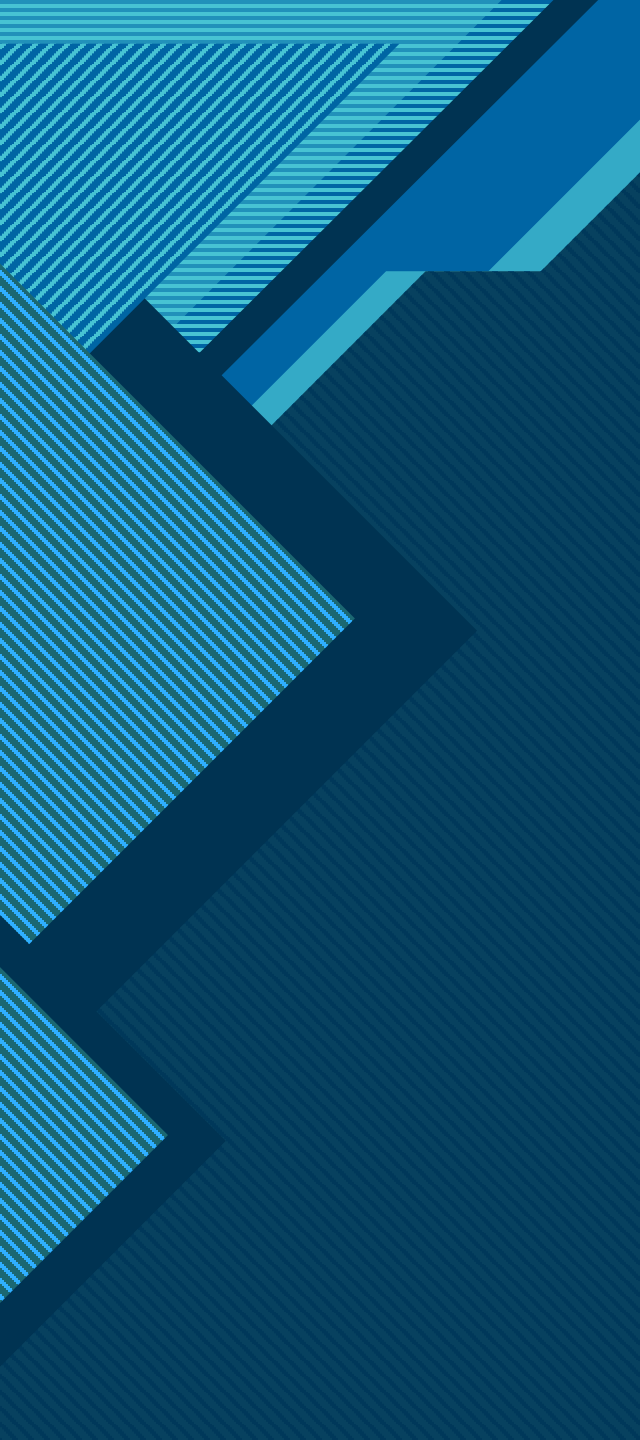
God made him who
had no sin to be sin
for us, so that in him
we might become the
righteousness of God.

2 Corinthian 5:21



God presented Christ
as a sacrifice of atonement
through the shedding
of his blood.

Romans 3:25



Like the rest we were by nature
deserving of wrath, “but”
because of his great love for us,
God who is rich in mercy made
us alive with Christ.

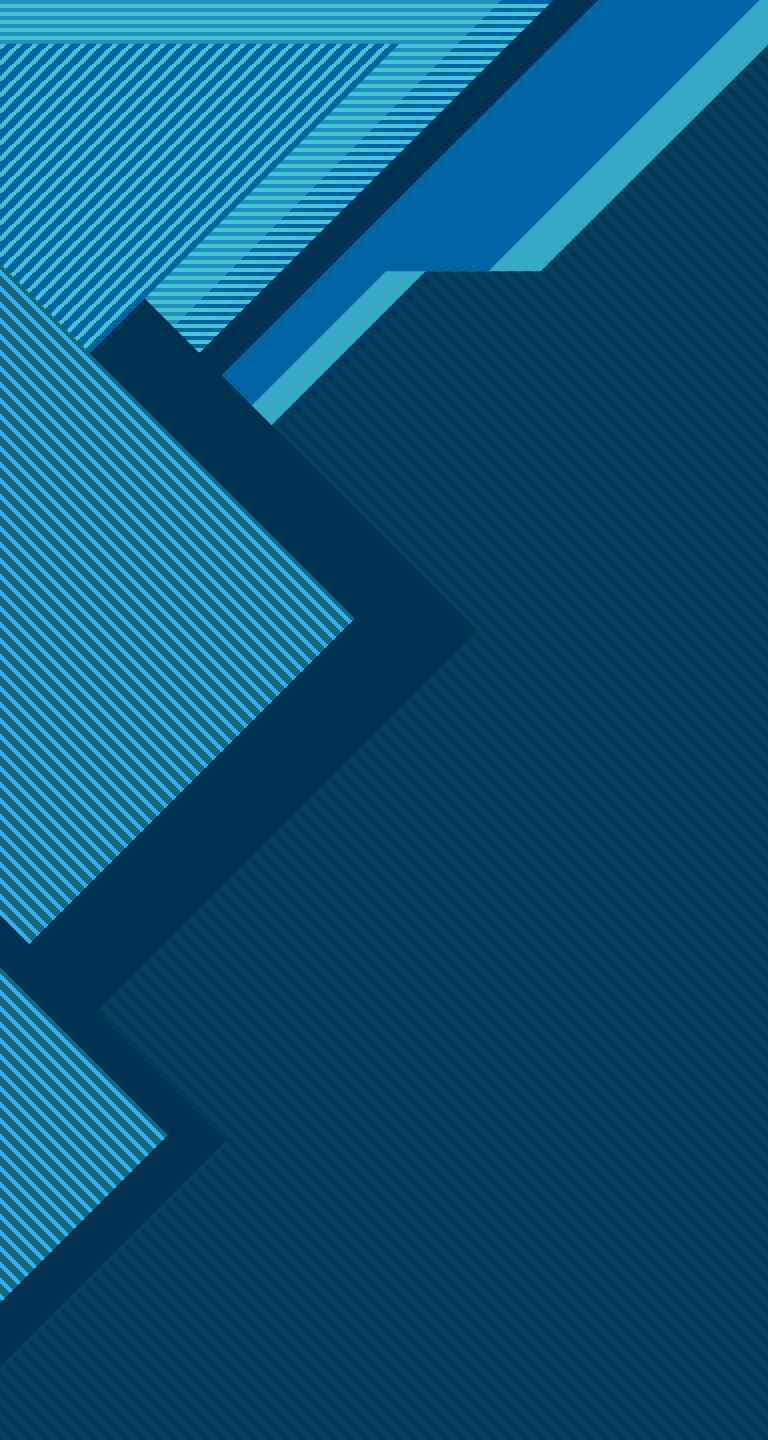
Ephesians 2:3b-5a



Matthew 27: 45-46



I Peter 2:22 – 25



By his death, Jesus completely satisfied the justice of God that required eternal death as the penalty for sins.

Discussion

1. Have you fully accepted the gift of God's grace in your life? If not, why not? If you have, what made it possible?
2. What difference does knowing that God has declared you righteous make in your life?

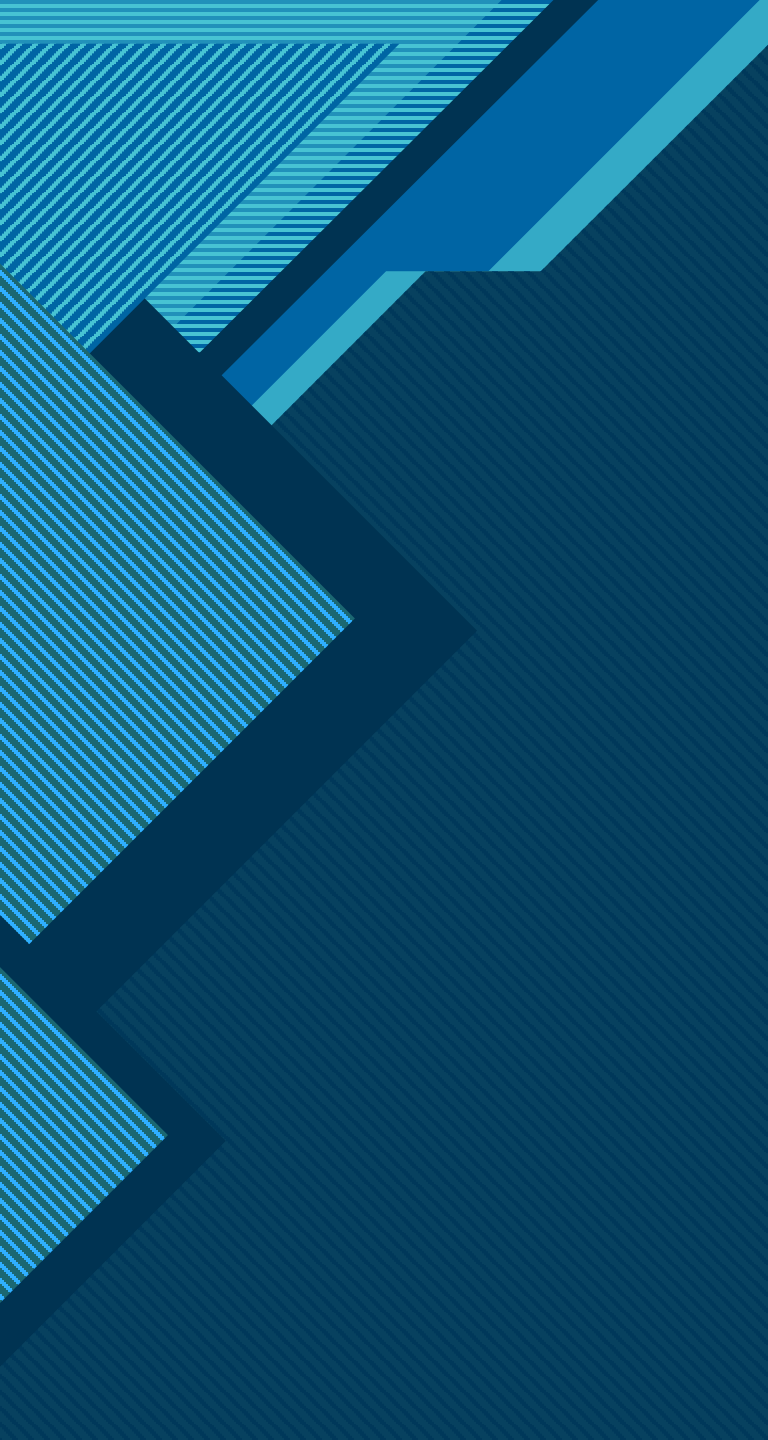


Titus 3:3-5



**But when the kindness
and love of God our
Savior appeared.**

Because Jesus completely paid the awful penalty of his sins God could expend his grace to us through complete and total forgiveness of our sins.



The word forgiveness literally means “to carry away.” The act of carrying sin away is basically the removal of sin, guilt, and the remembrance of sin.



“...as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.”

Psalm 103:10-12



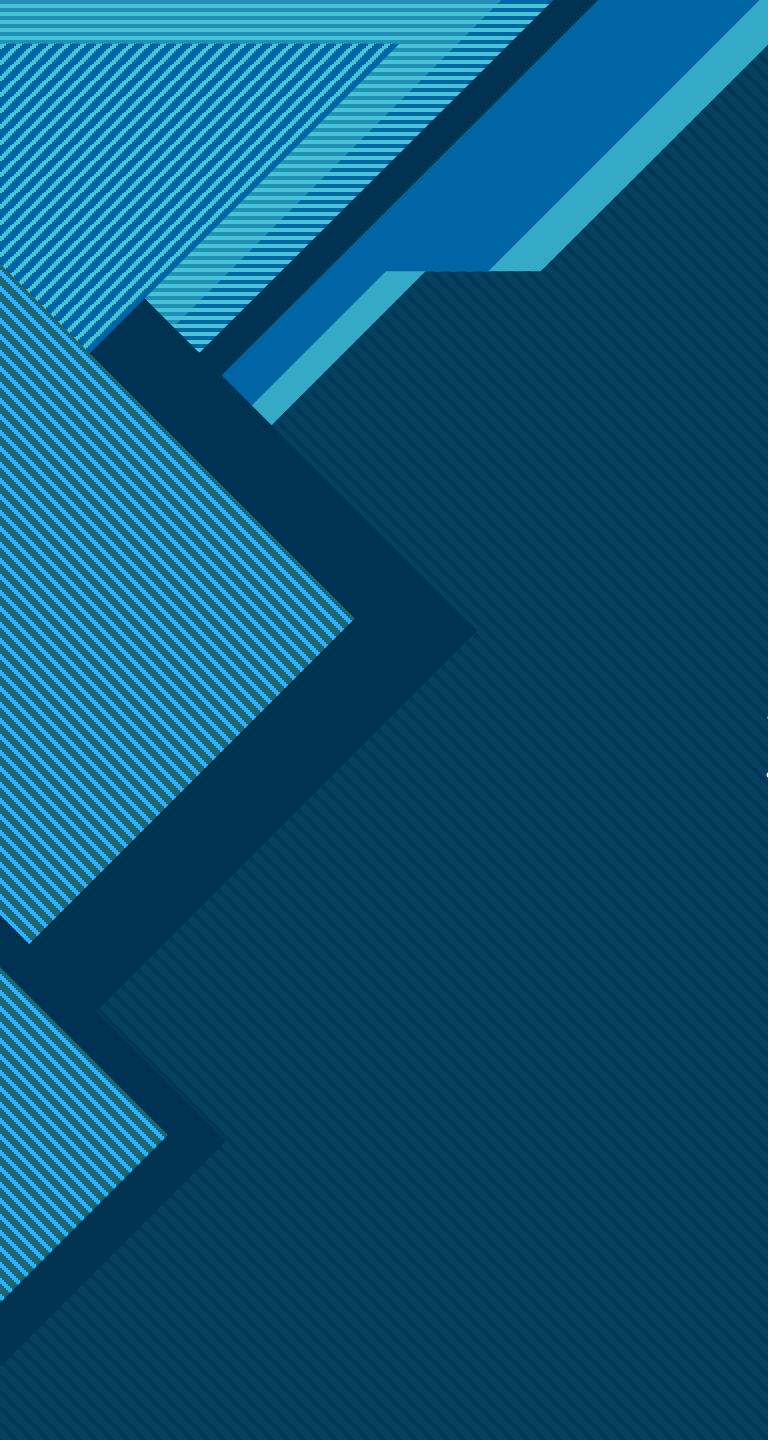
**“You have put all my sins
behind your back.”**

Isaiah 38:17



“I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist.”

Isaiah 44:22



**“You will tread our sins
underfoot and hurl our
iniquities into the depths
of the sea.”**

Micah 7:19




God covers our sins.



God never brings
it up again.



**God does not count
the sin against us.**



**I, even I, am he who blots
out your transgressions;
for my own sake and
remembers your sins no more.**

Isaiah 43:25

Discussion

**In what ways have you
recognized God's grace in your
life for the sake of Christ?**



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