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"...and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,..."

Romans 3:24 (ESV)

"For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous."

Romans 5:19 (ESV)

"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV)

"...yet we know that a person is not justified[a] by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified."

Galatians 2:16 (ESV)

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"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,..."

Ephesians 1:7 (ESV)

"...and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—"

Philippians 3:9 (ESV)