

# **The Power to Live by Faith**

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*Romans 3:21-26*

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the righteousness of God through  
faith in Jesus Christ for all who  
believe. For there is no distinction:

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for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

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whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

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In your own backyard  
You'll be on your knees  
Praying for the national guard  
If you don't care now  
How the problems get solved  
You can shake your head later  
That you never got involved"*

Steve Taylor Band



# **Whatever happened to conscience?**

Romans 2:12–16

For all who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law.

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For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified.

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For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law.

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They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them

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my gospel, God judges the secrets  
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Romans 2:17–24

But if you call yourself a Jew and  
rely on the law and boast in God and  
know his will and approve what is  
excellent, because you are instructed  
from the law;

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and if you are sure that you yourself  
are a guide to the blind, a light to  
those who are in darkness,

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an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of children, having in the law the embodiment of knowledge and truth— you then who teach others, do you not teach yourself? While you preach against stealing, do you steal?

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You who say that one must not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? You who boast in the law dishonor God by breaking the law.

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For, as it is written, "The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you."

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# **Whatever happened to repentance?**

Romans 2:1–4



Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things.

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We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things.

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Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God?

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Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?

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2. Whom have you judged? Is it possible that you could be guilty of the very same thing? What would keep you from falling into the same trap?