

- NARRATOR:** (20) Now do you see it? No one can ever be made right in God’s sight by doing what the law commands. For the more we know of God’s laws, the clearer it becomes that we aren’t obeying them [perfectly]; his laws serve only to make us see that we are sinners. *TLB*
- WOMEN:** (21-22) But [now] in our time something new has been added. What Moses and the prophets witnessed to all those years has happened. The God-setting-things-right that we read about, Has become Jesus-setting-things-right for us. And not only for us, but for everyone who believes in Him. For there is no difference between us and them in this. *MSG*
- MEN:** (23-24) Yes, all have sinned; all fall short of God’s glorious ideal; Yet now God declares us “not guilty” of offending him if we trust in Jesus Christ, who in his kindness freely takes away our sins. *TLB*
- NARRATOR:** (25a) God offered him, so that by his blood he should become the means by which people’s sins are forgiven through their faith in him. *GNT*
- WOMEN:** (25b) In this way He was being entirely fair, even though he did not punish those who sinned in former times. For he was looking forward to the time when Christ would come and take away those sins. *TLB*
- MEN:** (26) Demonstrating at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. *NKJV*
- NARRATOR:** (27a) Then what can we boast about doing to earn our salvation? *TLB*
- ALL:** Nothing at all!
- NARRATOR:** Why?
- WOMEN:** (27b) Because our acquittal is not based on our good deeds; It is based on what Christ has done and our faith in him. *TLB*
- MEN:** (28) So we are made right with God through faith and not by obeying the law. *NLT*
- NARRATOR:** (29) Does God belong only to the Jews? Isn’t he also the God of the Gentiles? *CEV*
- ALL:** Yes, he is!

WOMEN: (30) There is only one God, and he accepts Gentiles as well as Jews, simply because of their faith. *CEV*

MEN: (31) Do we, then, nullify the law by this faith? *NIV*

ALL: Not at ALL! Rather, we uphold the law. *NIV*

CONCLUSION

ALL: (5:1) Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. *NLT*