

The background of the image is a soft-focus landscape. In the foreground, the surface of a body of water is visible, with gentle ripples and a shimmering reflection of light. In the middle ground, a range of low mountains or hills stretches across the horizon. The sky is filled with light, wispy clouds, creating a peaceful and ethereal atmosphere. The overall color palette is muted, consisting of soft blues, greys, and whites.

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Romans 1:16-17

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¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

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❖ *What It Isn't*

- It's not lawlessness (Rom. 2:6-11).
- It's not self-justification (Rom. 3:9-20).

❖ *What It Is*

- It's "the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood to be received by faith" (Rom. 3:21-26).

❖ *What It Means*

- Boasting is excluded (Rom. 3:27-28).
- The law is upheld (Rom. 3:31).
- We're free to live according to the Spirit (Rom. 8:1-6).

Philippians 3:7-12

⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ 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— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.