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What does it mean when it says that the Lord’s enemies hated Him **without a cause**? It means that they had no reason to hate Him. There was not one thing that Christ did to deserve their hatred. Their hatred was undeserved and unearned.

Let us now apply this same meaning to *Romans 3:24*. The sinner is “**justified freely**.” He is justified “without a cause.” There is no reason [found in the sinner] why God should justify this person. There is nothing that the sinner has done to deserve justification or salvation. The sinner is justified **freely**. This justification is not the result of anything that the sinner did.

Salvation is totally undeserved and unearned. It is by grace and it is totally free. The reason the sinner is saved is found in God, not in the sinner. It is based on the Lord Jesus Christ—who He is and what He has done on Calvary’s cross. It is not based on the sinner’s anything; it is based on God’s everything. God and God alone does the saving. Salvation is of the Lord!

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