

GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS

Romans 3:21-31

Key verse 22a

“This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. ...”

1. Read verses 21-22a. What does “But now apart from the law” indicate (cf. 19-20)? What is “the righteousness of God,” and how has it been made known (Isa 46:13; Ro 1:16-17)? How do we receive this righteousness?
2. In what sense is there no difference between Jew and Gentile (22b-24)? What does the phrase “fall short of the glory of God” teach about God and us? What do the words “are justified freely by his grace” mean (Eph 2:8-9)?
3. What does “redemption” tell us about ourselves and what God has done for us (24; Ex 6:6; Gal 3:13)? Why do we need a sacrifice of atonement (25a; Heb 9:22,26b)? What is the significance and power of the blood of Jesus (Heb 9:14; 10:14)?
4. How did God demonstrate his righteousness in two ways (25b-26)? What do you learn about the forbearance of God?
5. How does faith in Christ nullify human boasting (27-28)? Is God the God of the Jews only (29-30)? In what way does the law of faith uphold the law of God (31)?