

**Ivy Baptist Church**  
**Wednesday Bible Study**  
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**The Book of Romans Part 6 (Romans 3:21-31)**

**New Testament Questions:**

- 1. What are the four books of the gospels?  
• \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. What are the books in the “general letters” section?  
• \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. What are the books in “Paul’s letters” section?  
• \_\_\_\_\_
- What are the three ways we study the bible (AAA)?
  - 1. \_\_\_\_\_ -What do we see?
  - 2. \_\_\_\_\_ -What does in mean?
  - 3. \_\_\_\_\_ -How will I use it in my walk with God?

**Review: Paul’s argument: Romans 3:1-19**

- 1. While the Jews are God’s chosen people, they are just as guilty of sin as the Gentiles.
- 2. The law was to be obeyed by God’s chosen people.
- 3. Because of sin, NO ONE is capable of obeying all of God’s laws.
- 4. The law (10 commandments) then, are meant to show us that WE NEED GOD’S HELP in order to live according to His standards. What is His help?
- The Holy Spirit! Without the Holy Spirit being ACTIVE in our lives, WE HAVE NO CHANCE OF OBEYING GOD’S WORD!
- Good news! There is a righteousness of God that extends BEYOND the law!

**Today’s Lesson: Romans 3:21-31**

- **(Romans 3:21-26)**
- What is righteousness?
- Righteousness is being in “right” \_\_\_\_\_ with God!
- **How does a person get in the “right” position with God?**
- It \_\_\_\_\_ be by our obedience to the law. Why?
- Because we cannot \_\_\_\_\_ all of the commandments.
- According to Romans 3:22 our righteousness of God is THROUGH \_\_\_\_\_ IN JESUS CHRIST. Why?
- **Verse 23: FOR ALL HAVE \_\_\_\_\_ AND FALLEN SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD!**
- **KEY VERSE:** Romans 3:24: Justification by faith \_\_\_\_\_.
- **What is justification?**
- Where God declares us \_\_\_\_\_ guilty of our sins! He looks at us JUST-AS-IF WE NEVER SINNED!
- **What is propitiation?**
- In this text propitiation has to do with a “\_\_\_\_\_.” Old Testament reference: the “lid” on the ark of the covenant.
- When man sins, God is \_\_\_\_\_. Propitiation is the act of soothing God’s \_\_\_\_\_ against us by the offering of a gift. What is the gift?

- In verse 25 Jesus' blood being shed, "\_\_\_\_\_ " our sins, so that through faith, and God's forbearance (delayed payment), we could be declared righteous!

**Summary of Romans 3:21-26:**

- 1. Because mankind \_\_\_\_\_ observe all the laws, because of sin, there must be another way we can be "right" with God.
- 2. We are right with God based upon faith in Jesus Christ \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3. Our faith in Jesus Christ "\_\_\_\_\_" us before God.
- 4. Jesus Christ's blood was our "\_\_\_\_\_" (propitiation) that allowed God's anger to be soothed, instead of His FULL wrath being poured out on us.
- 5. Since ALL have sinned (Jew and Gentile), ALL need \_\_\_\_\_, to be declared righteous.
- 6. This concept is not new, since righteousness by faith was an \_\_\_\_\_ Testament concept.

**Romans 3:27-31:**

- **Rhetorical Questions:**
- Vs. 27: On what grounds do people have the right to boast about their "position" with God? Those who are obedient to the law? By someone's "works?"
- \_\_\_\_\_, you \_\_\_\_\_ boast on these terms.
- Vs. The only people that can boast are the ones who are under the "law of \_\_\_\_\_." (vs. 27-28)
- Vs. 29: Is God for the Jews only or for both Jews and Gentiles?
- Vs. 29-30: GOD IS GOD OVER \_\_\_\_\_!
- Vs. 31: Because of faith, is the "law" now meaningless?
- Vs. 31: Certainly \_\_\_\_\_! The law is necessary to show us our sins and to prove we need a savior (Jesus Christ) to be "right" with God!

Myths about Christianity	Truths about Christianity
1. I have to get myself together before coming to God.	1. It's _____ to get yourself "right" before coming to God.
2. I do "works" to prove my allegiance to God.	2. Works can't save you. We are justified by _____ ALONE.
3. I'm right with God based upon what I do. (i.e. go to church)	3. I'm right with God based upon who I _____ in (Christ).
4. What I do for God puts me in the right place with God.	4. What I do for God demonstrates my _____ IN GOD.
5. The "laws" are my principles to live by for God.	5. The "law" proves I'm a _____, incapable of obeying them all.

**Conclusion:**

- With God, our FAITH is \_\_\_\_\_!

**Apply: What did I learn in today's lesson that I need to develop in my relationship with God?**

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