

Romans
Lesson 5
3:21 to 3:31

Romans 3

21 But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. 22 This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. 25 God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— 26 he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

27 Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. On what principle? On that of observing the law? No, but on that of faith. 28 For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law. 29 Is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles too? Yes, of Gentiles too, 30 since there is only one God, who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith. 31 Do we, then, nullify the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law.

1. Does the righteousness from God that has been made known stem from the law?

2. What did the Law and the Prophets do in regards to this righteousness?

3. What does this righteousness from God come through?

4. Which is most important: The strength of faith? Or the object of faith?

5. Of all, whom in particular does this righteousness go to?

6. Why is it that there is no distinction?

7. What relationship or status do those who have sinned have before God?

8. Would it be "normal" to fall short of the glory of God?

9. What characteristic or attribute justifies us?

10. Was God obligated to justify us?

11. Does it cost of something to be justified before God?

12. Did it cost God something to justify us?

13. What does "redeem" mean? What does "redemption" mean?

Redemption

To understand the concept of redemption please read the definition of redemption in Deuteronomy 25:5-10.

To see how redemption actually worked read the book of Ruth (whole book).

14. How did Jesus Christ carry out this redemption?

15. Did redemption cost Jesus Christ something?

16. What does atonement mean?

Atonement

To understand the concept of atonement please read **Leviticus 16** (whole chapter).

17. What is a sacrifice of atonement?

18. Through what do we receive the sacrifice of atonement of Christ Jesus?

19. Why is this faith specifically in the blood of Christ Jesus?

20. What is demonstrated through the sacrifice of atonement of Christ Jesus?

21. Was God's justice demonstrated previously by leaving sins committed beforehand unpunished?

22. Who offered Christ Jesus as a sacrifice?

23. Does Christ Jesus as a sacrifice of atonement show the justice of God?

24. Would it look bad if the leader of your country had lunch twice a week with the biggest criminals in the country?

25. Is it difficult to be just and at the same time have something to do with unjust people?

26. How can God who is just have anything to do with man who is unjust?

27. Can we personally boast about having anything to do with our justification?

28. If we had been justified by the works of the law would we be able to boast?

29. Does our personally boasting draw us closer to God?

30. Does having faith in Jesus Christ draw us closer to God?

31. Are we justified by a combination of faith and observation of the law? Do these mix?

32. Could the true God be only God of the Jews?

33. Does God justify Jews in a different way than he justifies Gentiles?

34. Why could we think that faith nullifies the law?

How is it that faith confirms the law?
