

JUSTIFIED BY FAITH

Romans 3:21 - 30

Devotional Reading: John 3:1 - 8, 13 - 17

Background Scripture: Romans 3:21 - 30

LESSON AIMS: the students will:

- Identify what is “excluded” and why
- Explain the concept of *propitiation*
- Brainstorm ways to explain the concept of *propitiation* to an unbeliever

INTRODUCTION: Paul wrote this letter to the church at Rome around AD 57, about 25 years after Stephen’s stoning. He wanted his readers to understand the gravity of their sin and the depth of God’s love. Paul had made the argument that all stand condemned before a holy and righteous God. No one has an excuse because God made the truth of a Creator available to all of mankind. He reminds the church at Rome - - and us - - that obedience and good works do not make us righteous before God. Only by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are we saved and made righteous before God. Everyone is a sinner and needs to be justified freely by God’s grace through redemption in Jesus Christ.

KEY VERSE ²² *Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: ²³ For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; ²⁴ Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Romans 3:22 - 24 / KJV*

LESSON:

God’s Righteousness

Romans 3:21 - 24

Christ’s Sacrifice

verses 25 - 26

Human Boasting

verses 27 - 30

SUMMARY: God is not the God of the Jews only. Righteousness is given when there is a true trust in Christ’s work in salvation. When we acknowledge our sins with humility, God is willing and able to save us. His forgiveness allows us to operate guilt-free in Him. Then we are to share this same forgiveness and grace with one another. Jesus did what we could not do for ourselves. Paul reminds us that we are to boast in Him, not ourselves.

QUESTIONS:

1. *How have you experienced God’s patience?*
2. *What evidence can you point to that you are being made new in Christ?*
3. *Do you affirm in thought, word, and deed that God is the God of all?*

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DAY / DATE	SCRIPTURE	
<i>Mon., Apr. 29th</i>	Vindicate Me, O Lord My God	Psalm 35:1 - 7, 22 - 28
<i>Tue., Apr. 30th</i>	Blessed Are They Who Fear God	Psalm 112
<i>Wed., May 1st</i>	Repent and Turn to God	Acts 3:12 - 26
<i>Thurs., May 2nd</i>	God So Loved the World	John 3:1 - 8, 13 - 17
<i>Fri., May 3rd</i>	Lord, Lead Me in Your Righteousness	Psalm 5
<i>Sat., May 4th</i>	Christ, Our Atoning Sacrifice	1 John 1:1 - 2:2
<i>Sun., May 5th</i>	Atoning by Christ’s Blood	Romans 3:21 - 30