

Questions to Consider



Paul's Letter to the Romans – Week 8 **Justification by Faith - June 18, 2023**

Read Romans 3:21-31

Key Text: Romans 3:21-31

- 1) Why is verse 21 such a beautiful turning point in the text? What came before this?
- 2) Why is it important that we make the distinction in verse 22 that the righteousness of God comes “through faith” and not “by faith”.
- 3) Read the quote by Bishop Handly Moule. What is it saying?
- 4) What does it mean that we are justified “as a gift”?
- 5) Define Justification, Redemption and Propitiation.
- 6) Explain the doctrine of Penal Substitutionary Atonement.
- 7) What does it mean that God is both just and the justifier? Why must he be both?
- 8) When we understand justification by faith, how should this affect our view of the law?

Vs. 21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—

Vs. 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction:

Vs. 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

"The harlot, the liar, the murderer, are short of it but so are you. Perhaps they stand at the bottom of a mine, and you on the crest of the Alps; but you are as little able to touch the stars as they are." - Bishop Handley Moule

This is a universal problem

Vs. 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

This is a universal answer

We are justified “as a gift” (ESV), “freely” (NIV)

The Greek word Dorean, is used in Matt. 10:8 & Rev. 22:17

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Justification - _____

Redemption - _____

Vs. 25a whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

Propitiation - _____

Justification solves the problem of our guilt before God.

Redemption solves the problem of our slavery to sin.

Propitiation solves the problem of offending a righteous God.

These verses give us the doctrine of Penal Substitutionary Atonement.

Vs. 25b This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

Vs. 26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Vs. 27 Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith.

But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Gal 6:14

Vs. 28 For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. 29 Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, 30 since God is one—who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. - 1 Peter 2:24

Vs. 31 Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.