

Lesson 6
Justification by Faith
(Romans 3:21-31)

• **Questions**

1. What relationship does law have with the “righteousness of God” (3:21)?

2. When was the “righteousness of God” first manifested (3:21)?

3. The “righteousness of God” is conditioned upon what (3:22)? And, for whom is it (3:22)?

4. Why do all men need the “righteousness of God” (3:23)?

5. What role does Jesus have in the justification of all mankind and what role does mankind have (3:24-26)?

6. What divine qualities of God are manifest in saving mankind (3:24-26)?

7. What is excluded in justification by faith (3:37)?

8. How are all men justified (3:27-28)? How are they not justified (3:27-28)?

9. God is a God over what people and how does he justify them all (3:29-30)?

10. What relationship does faith have with law (3:31)?

• **Digging Deeper**

1. What connection does Romans 3:21-22 have with Romans 1:16-17?

2. What is the “righteousness of God” discussed in Romans 3:21-22 (compare Romans 1:17 and Philippians 3:9)?

3. To what time does “now” (3:21) and “this present season” (3:26) refer?

4. Where in the Old Testament is the righteousness of God “witnessed by the law and the prophets” (3:21)? (Hint: Look ahead to Romans 4:1-8.)

5. What connection does Romans 3:22-23 have with Romans 1:18; 2:11; and 3:9?

6. What does it mean to “fall short of the glory of God” (3:23)?

7. What do these words mean:

“justified” (3:24) -

“grace” (3:24) -

“redemption” (3:24) -

“propitiation” (3:25) -

8. How does the “blood” of Jesus related to the Jewish sacrificial system (3:25)?

9. What is the difference between “his righteousness” (3:25,26) and the “righteousness of God” (3:21-22)?

10. When did God pass over “the sins done aforetime” (3:25)?

11. What kind of “works” are under consideration in Romans 3:27-28? Are acts of obedience to the gospel included in these “works”? (Hint: Look ahead to Romans 6:16-17.)

12. What is a “law of faith” (3:27)?

13. What is the difference, if any, between “by faith” and “through faith” (3:30)?

14. How is law “established” by a system of justification by faith (3:31)?

• **Applications for Today**

1. The bad news that all have sinned is followed by the good news that all can be saved through Jesus Christ (3:23-24).
2. Faith in Jesus Christ is the only way to be saved today (3:25).
3. Faith in Jesus Christ keeps us from boasting when we are saved (3:27).
4. God is one and saves all mankind in one way (3:29-30).