

GOD JUSTIFIES SINNERS BY FAITH IN CHRIST

Romans 3:21-31

Key Verse: 3:24

1. Read verse 23. What is the common situation of all people? What does it mean to fall short of the glory of God?
2. Read verses 21-22. What do these verses tell us about the “righteousness from God”? What do you think the righteousness from God is? (Ro 1:17; Ge 15:6; Jer 23:5,6; 33:16; Dt 6:25; Isa 64:6)
3. How do the Law and the Prophets testify to it? (Ge 12:1-3; Ge 22:18; Gal 3:8; Isa 53:5; Isa 9:6-7; Jer 31:31-34) What does it have to do with man’s sin problem as described in 1:18-3:20,23? (Ac 3:26; Lk 23:42,43) Read verses 22-23. How can we obtain this righteousness? (Ro 4:22-25; Eph 2:8; Ro 13:14)
4. Read verses 24-26. What does it mean to be justified? (28; Ro 5:9; Gal 2:16) What does “by his grace” mean?
5. What is the redemption that came by Christ Jesus? (Ex 6:6; Gal 3:13,14) What is the sacrifice of atonement? (Lev 17:11; Heb 9:14,22,26b; 1Pe 1:18,19a; Lev 16:15,16; Ex 12:21-23; Jn 1:29)
6. In the light of the above references, what is the significance of the blood of Jesus? Why do we need faith in Jesus’ blood?

7. Read verses 25-26 again. How and why did God show his justice and forbearance toward sinners?

8. Read verses 27-31. How does God's grace get rid of human pride? Remember the root of sin in 1:21. Can all sinners be forgiven by faith alone? Why is this important?