

God's Good News About Righteousness

An Inductive Study of the Book of Romans

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Study 6, God's Righteous Provision of Righteousness Apart From Law Romans 3:21-31

- A. INTRODUCTION: The Writer, the Readers, and the Good News (Romans 1:1-17).
- B. CONDEMNATION: The Unveiling of God's Wrath against Man's Unrighteousness 1:18 - 3:20

C. **JUSTIFICATION: The Declaration of Righteousness through Faith 3:21 - 5:21**

1. **God's Righteous Provision of a Righteousness for Humans Apart From the Law 3:21-31**

a. **The description of the righteousness God has provided apart from the Law 3:21-24**

- 1) What is the method by which righteousness has been provided? (Apart from _____) (3:21).
- 2) What is the origin or source of this righteousness?
- 3) How authentic is this method of righteousness?
- 4) What are the terms for this righteousness? (3:22).
- 5) What is the availability of this righteousness?
- 6) What is the necessity for this righteousness? (3:23).
- 7) What is the Divine motivation in providing this righteousness? (3:24).
- 8) What is the basis, or the grounds, on which this righteousness can be granted?

b. **The vindication¹ of God's own righteousness in providing righteousness apart from the Law 3:25-26.**

- 1) What did God display Jesus to be? (3:25a).
- 2) What price did Jesus have to pay? (See Leviticus 17:11)

¹ Vindication means "proving God to be righteous and fair in His policy."

- 3) What condition do we have to meet?
- 4) What had God done in the past that made it necessary for him to provide Jesus as a propitiation? ² (3:25b).
- 5) What is God's present policy ³ in regard to righteousness? (3:26).
- 6) How can God remain just when carrying out His present policy? ⁴

c. The implications of God's provision of righteousness apart from the Law 3:27-31

- 1) What happens to human boasting about righteousness? (3:27-28).
- 2) How does this method of justification benefit non-Jewish people? (3:29-30).
- 3) What effect does faith have upon the Law? (3:31).

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² Propitiation means "legal satisfaction."

³ The word justify means "to declare someone legally righteous." Justification means "the declaration of someone as legally righteous."

⁴ The answer is that in Jesus' death all the legal requirements have been met (3:25)!