



Life Group Study Questions Romans 3:21-31

1. Read Romans 3:21-31 together. As you think about this weekend's sermon, what stood out to you? What questions come to mind based on the passage? Was there anything unclear or confusing?
2. In verse 21, Paul says the righteousness of God has now come. Talk about the following definition of God's righteousness: "God's right moral character show in holiness and justice in which he saves sinners by meeting the just demands of his own holy character." Why is it important that God is a perfect judge?
3. Paul says the Law and the Prophets bear witness to this. Think through the Old Testament and specific examples that showed that one day God was going to fix the sin problem. (Hint: Genesis 3, Isaiah 9, Isaiah 53, etc.)
4. Pastor Andrew listed 4 specific things about how we are declared righteous: 1 - Through faith in Jesus, 2 - Not through our own actions or efforts, 3 - Freely given to us, and 4 - Through Christ's work on the cross. Which one of this is hardest to accept? Why?
5. Why is it important to remember that faith itself is not a "work" we do? Read Ephesians 2:8. If faith is a gift itself, then what do we contribute to our salvation?
6. The word propitiation is used in vs. 25 to describe "a sacrifice that appeases God's wrath". Have you heard objections to this view of the atonement? (That Jesus was punished and bore God's wrath) How does Jesus' sacrifice allow God to be both 'just' and 'justifier'?
7. Read Philippians 3:4-11 together. What does Paul boast in? Do you find yourself boasting in the wrong things?
8. Verse 31 says we don't overthrow the law but uphold it. Now that we are saved by grace what is our motivation for living a holy life and obeying God? How is that different from trying to obey in order to be saved?