**GOD’S RIGHTEOUSNESS THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS**

Romans 3:21-31

Key Verse 3:22a

*“This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. …”*

1. Read verses 21-22a. What does “But now apart from the law” indicate (cf. 19-20)? What is “the righteousness of God,” and how has it been made known (Isa 46:13[[1]](#footnote-1); Ro 1:16-17[[2]](#footnote-2))? How do we receive this righteousness?
2. In what sense is there no difference between Jew and Gentile (22b-24)? What does the phrase “fall short of the glory of God” teach about God and us? What do the words “are justified freely by his grace” mean (Eph 2:8-9[[3]](#footnote-3))?
3. What does “redemption” tell us about ourselves and what God has done for us (24; Ex 6:6[[4]](#footnote-4); Gal 3:13[[5]](#footnote-5))? Why do we need a sacrifice of atonement (25a; Heb 9:22,26b[[6]](#footnote-6))? What is the significance and power of the blood of Jesus (Heb 9:14[[7]](#footnote-7); 10:14[[8]](#footnote-8))?
4. How did God demonstrate his righteousness in two ways (25b-26)? What do you learn about the forbearance of God?
5. How does faith in Christ nullify human boasting (27-28)? Is God the God of the Jews only (29-30)? In what way does the law of faith uphold the law of God (31)?
1. **Isa 46:13** I am bringing my righteousness near, it is not far away; and my salvation will not be delayed. I will grant salvation to Zion, my splendor to Israel. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. **Rom 1:16-17** For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. 17For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, e just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.” [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. **Eph 2:8-9** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9not by works, so that no one can boast. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. **Ex 6:6** Therefore, say to the Israelites: 'I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. **Gal 3:13** Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.” [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. **Heb 9:22** In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness…. **26b** But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. **Heb 9:14** How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, c so that we may serve the living God! [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. **Heb 10:14** For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)