

THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD.

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INTRO.:

A. Text: Romans 3:21-31.

B. Regarding the text:

1. In previous lessons Paul has shown that all men are guilty of sin.
 - 1) Gentile – **1:18-31**.
 - 2) Jew – **2:1-3:8**.
2. **3:9-20** reveals that both Jew and Gentile are amenable to the Gospel.
3. **3:21-31** addresses the righteousness of God.

DISCUSSION: IN THIS LESSON WE OBSERVE...

I. THE PRODUCT OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS (21-23).

A. Vs. 20: shows that justification was not possible under previous laws.

B. Vs. 21: The righteousness of God is available through the New Covenant.

1. "Righteousness of God without the law is manifested..." God's plan.
 - 1) **Rom. 1:17** THEREIN - refers to the Gospel (**1:16**).
 - 2) **Gal. 2:16**.
 - 3) **Acts 13:39**.
 2. "...being witnessed by the law and the prophets."
 - 1) This fact was spoken by the prophets. **RECORDED!**
 - a. Witnessed = he knows because the message came by revelation.
 - b. **John 1:34**.
 - 2) Many references to Christ (**Gen. 3:15; Isa. 7:14; Joel 2; Dan. 2**).
- C. Vs. 22 "... for there is no difference:" No distinction (Jew or Gentile).**
1. All must be saved... and if saved at all... IT MUST BE IN THE SAME WAY!
 - 1) **Rom. 10:12**.
 - 2) **Act 15:9**.

D. Vs. 23 "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

II. THE MANNER (24-31).

A. Vs. 24 "Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption..."

1. "Justified freely" = Made right at HIS cost (**John 3:16; Rom. 6:23**).
2. "... by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."
 - 1) Redemption came by His grace (**Eph. 2:8-10**).
 - 2) **John 10:17-18**.

B. Vs. 27 "Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith."

1. Understanding the manner for salvation will remove man's boasting (**Phil. 3:9**).
2. The saved ones are those who appropriate the saving blood!
3. This is done by obeying the Gospel (**Heb. 5:9; 2 Thess. 1:8**).

C. Vss. 29-31.

1. The Gospel is for all (every man, in every nation.)
2. **Vs. 30** "... which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith."
 - 1) BY or THROUGH: Both denote that faith is the manner of justification.
3. **Vs. 31** "Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law." **Establish** = to place, put, set.

III. CONCLUSION.

A. The Gospel is the power of God to save all men.

B. Nothing else will do.