

INSIDEout series
Week 5 outline
Romans 3:21-4:25
3.14.21

Righteous Through Faith

I. A Righteous Foundation (Rom 3:19-26)

A. A Terrible Predicament (vs 19-20)

-no work can save us, everyone is implicated, no hope on our own

B. A Gospel Foundation

1. Righteousness Now (vs 21)

a. *"But now"*

-in the argument; in time; and in Christ

b. *"the righteousness"*

-our right standing with God

c. *"of God"*

-righteousness comes from God, apart from the law

d. *"has been"*

-reference to the historical death of Christ on the cross

e. *"made known/revealed/ disclosed"*

-rather than earned by us or created by us

2. Righteousness Given (vs 22-23)

a. Righteousness is given (it's a gift)

b. Righteousness comes through faith in Jesus Christ

c. Righteousness is for all who believe

3. Righteousness Atoned for (vs 24-26)

a. Justified freely

-declared right AND declared not guilty

b. By God's grace

c. Through the redemption that came by Jesus Christ

d. As a sacrifice of atonement

-**Expiation:** the penalty of death that we deserved because of our sin was satisfied through Jesus' death on the cross. Jesus meets our needs through the expiation of our sin. (**Hebrews 9:26**)

-**Propitiation:** the wrath of God removed from us, and appeasement of His anger towards our sin; Christ died for us. (**1 John 4:10**)

ATONEMENT IS WHERE GOD'S WRATH IS SATISFIED AND OUR SIN IS OVERCOME

4. Basics of Justification

- a. Its source: God and His Grace
- b. Its grounds: Christ and His Cross
- c. Its means: Faith

IT IS THE OBJECT, NEVER THE ASPECT OF OUR FAITH
THAT MAKES US RIGHTEOUS

II. A Righteous Defense (3:27-31)

A. Well, what are we supposed to be proud of then? (Vs 27-28)

JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH ALONE
HUMBLES SINNERS AND EXCLUDES BOASTING

B. Well, what about the gentiles? (Vs30)

JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH ALONE
UNITES BELIEVERS AND EXCLUDES DISCRIMINATION

C. Well, what about living in obedience, are you saying sin doesn't matter? (Vs 31)

JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH ALONE
UPHOLDS THE LAW AND EXCLUDES IMMORALITY

III. A Righteous Example (4:1-25)

A. Abraham and David

- This is not a novel idea! It's been proclaimed beforehand throughout Scripture
- Abraham wasn't justified by works (vs1-8)
 - or circumcision (vs 9-12)
 - or law (13-17a)
 - but by faith (17b- 22)

B. And also for Us! (Vs 23-25)

1. *It wasn't for Abraham alone, but also for us!*
2. *Who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead*
3. *Delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification*