

Romans 3:21-30

In Whom Do You Believe?!

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Memory Verse:

“This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.” (NIV)

²²Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: (KJV)

²²δικαιοσύνη δὲ θεοῦ διὰ πίστεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ εἰς πάντας τοὺς πιστεύοντας.” (GNT)

²¹⁻²²But now God has shown us a different way to heaven^e—not by “being good enough” and trying to keep his laws, but by a new way (though not new, really, for the Scriptures told about it long ago). Now God says he will accept and acquit us—declare us “not guilty”—if we trust Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved in this same way, by coming to Christ, no matter who we are or what we have been like.” (TLB)

²²... even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction;” (NASB)

²² ...that is, God’s righteousness (demonstrated) through his faithful accomplishment in Jesus Mesiah for all who believe.” (translation from a professor at a Christian University)

Romans 3:22

Connect:

- Make sure everyone in your group knows everyone else. If you have new members take a few minutes getting to know them and learning how they came to be connected to your group.
- Remember the empty chair as you open your group time in prayer.
- What’s the closest you have ever come to getting in trouble with the law? (*you have the right to remain silent* 😊)

Grow:

- We are tempted to believe we are in control of everything and can fix or take care of everything ourselves? What is the risk physically, spiritually, and emotionally of believing we are in control? Why?
- There is a famous saying that goes something like this; ‘You do good, you do bad- at the end of life God weighs them out and if there is more good than bad then you go to heaven, if there is more bad than good then you go to hell.’ Why is this a deficient understanding? How can this attitude affect the way someone lives their life?

- Read Romans 3:21-30
- Verse 22 reveals that there is something significant going on that involves righteousness, faith, and believing in Jesus Christ? Look at the various translations of this verse above and discuss the significance of each of these items.
- Often we are tempted to believe in ourselves and what we can accomplish (*good deeds, religious ritual, correct knowledge...*) to be made right with God instead of believing in Jesus Christ. What are the consequences of believing in our self instead of believing in Jesus Christ? How might you or those around you be able to recognize whether you (not someone else- you!) believed in Jesus Christ or yourself or somewhere in between?
- Since we live in a fallen world all of us struggle between believing in ourselves or believing in Jesus Christ. What do you (not someone else- you!) need to do to more fully believe in Jesus Christ? What actions do you need to take? What attitudes or beliefs do you need to change?
- What 'light bulb' has come on in your head during this discussion?

Serve:

- How does believing in Jesus Christ in our heart and head affect how our hands and mouth serve those around us?
- Remember to continue discussing your group project.

Share:

- How can believing in yourself instead of Jesus Christ affect your ability to be a witness for Him to those around you?

Worship:

- Have the prayer coordinator gather requests from the group as well as remind everyone of any previous requests.
- Close your group time in the throne room of the Almighty God through prayer lifting up anything the Spirit of God has placed upon the hearts of people in the group.

Preparation for Next Time:

- Read Romans 4:1-25

