

God's Righteousness Revealed through Christ's Faithfulness to All Who Believe

Rom 3.20 Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin. 21 But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe.

* Remember God's promise of the NC: *Jer 31.31 "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah—32 not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 34 No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."*

* What is the role of a wedding vow? How does it change if a spouse commits adultery?

* How does this relate to what the Jewish leadership was saying in the 1st century?

* What does God promise to do in the NC?

* What Paul is getting at in Rom 3.21-22?

* What was the Jewish leadership saying in response?

* Why does Paul keep saying that the gospel of Jesus reveals God's righteousness? What was the Hebrew concept of righteousness? How is it shown in Dan 9.16 and Psa 51.4? How is it shown in Rom 3.21-22?

* In vs 22, what does "faith in Jesus" literally say in the Greek? Why do many translations change it?

* What is the Hebrew concept of faith?

* What is the connection between faith and obedience? How do we see that in Rom 1.5 and Heb 5.9?

* As the true and perfect man, Jesus was a man of ... and according to Heb 12.2, he was the ...

* What was the pinnacle of Jesus' obedience, and what role did faith play? How does Heb 5.7-9 describe this?

* The "faith of Christ" in Rom 3.22 is referring to ...

* What is the ground of our salvation? What is the means of our union with Christ?

* Why is faithfulness and obedience to Christ not the same as trying to earn our salvation (i.e. salvation by works)?