

## QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time in your life when someone tried to justify something they had done which you knew was wrong. How did you respond to their attempt to justify themselves?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What are some ways people try to achieve righteousness of God apart from Jesus Christ?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Read the following passages and note the Bible says about being a justification?
  - a) Psalm 106:3
  - b) Matthew 5:6
  - c) Matthew 6:33
  - d) II Corinthians 5:21
  - e) Philippians 3:9
  - f) I Peter 3:14-15
  - g) I John 3:7-8
  
4. What is the difference between justification and sanctification?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. What practical application are you going to make from this week's message? (*Share your decision with another person.*)
  - ☐ I am going to invite a friend or neighbor to church.
  - ☐ I am going to do a word study on "justification."
  - ☐ I am going to memorize Matthew 6:33.

Cornerstone Church  
Romans 3:21-31

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Study Series #008

## ***Understanding God's Righteousness*** ***Part 1: God's Description of Righteousness***

### **I. Introduction**

#### A. Only After Sundown

(See Leviticus 23:32; Nehemiah 13:19; Mark 1:32;  
Proverbs 7:6-27; Genesis 3:9-13; Mark 7:13; Mark 7:6-8)

#### B. Justification and Sanctification

(See Romans 4:25; I Thessalonians 4:3-7; II Timothy 2:21)

"Justification is the act of God whereby He declares the believing sinner righteous in Christ on the basis of the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross."

Justification: "*God views me 'just-if-I'd' never sinned.*"

### **II. God's Description of Righteousness**

#### A. Righteousness Doesn't Come from Keeping the Law

(See Romans 3:21; Galatians 2:16; Galatians 3:11)

#### B. Righteousness Comes Through Faith

(See Romans 3:22; II Kings 17:12; II Chronicles 16:7;  
Psalm 20:7; I Timothy 4:8; Jeremiah 17:5; Proverbs 28:26;  
James 2:19)

### C. Righteousness is Available to Everyone

(See Romans 3:22-23; Romans 1:16; Matthew 10:5;  
John 4:5-26; Acts 10:1-48)

### D. Righteousness is a Gift of Grace

(See Romans 3:24; Hebrews 4:16; James 2:13;  
Ephesians 2:4-5)

### E. Righteousness is Provided at a Great Cost

(See Romans 3:24-25; Proverbs 21:14; Hebrews 9:22;  
Galatians 5:1; John 15:15; Ruth 1-4)

### F. Righteousness Solves the Divine Dilemma

(See Romans 3:25-26; I John 4:8; I John 1:5; Isaiah 30:18;  
II Corinthians 5:21; Romans 5:18-19)

## Passage of Study Romans 3:21-31

<sup>21</sup> But now apart from the Law *the* righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets. <sup>22</sup> even *the* righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; <sup>25</sup> whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. *This* was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup> for the demonstration, *I say*, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup> Where then is boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith. <sup>28</sup> For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law. <sup>29</sup> Or is God *the God* of Jews only? Is He not *the God* of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, <sup>30</sup> since indeed God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith is one. <sup>31</sup> Do we then nullify the Law through faith? May it never be! On the contrary, we establish the Law.

## III. Conclusion

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please see the pastor after the service and he or one of our church leaders will be glad to speak with you.

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