THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD

Romans 3:21–26

Key Verse: 3:24,25a

1. What has Paul concluded about human righteousness? (3:9,10) How has God responded to this? (1:18)
2. Why did God give the law? (3:19,20; 7:7) What has God done “now”? (21a) How do “the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it”? (21b; 1:2)
3. Who receives “the righteousness of God”? (22) Why is there “no distinction”? (23) What does it mean to “fall short of the glory of God”?
4. Read verse 24. What does the word “justified” mean to us? (1Co 6:11; Tit 3:5–7) Why do we have to receive it “by his grace as a gift”? (Eph 2:8,9)
5. What is “the redemption that is in Christ Jesus”? (24b; Eph 1:7) What does it mean to us that God put Christ forward as a “propitiation” for us? (25a; 5:9; Col 1:21,22)
6. Why was the shedding of Christ’s blood necessary? (Heb9:22; Lev11:17) How does his blood help us? (Heb 9:14; 1Jn 1:7) What does it mean to receive it “by faith”?
7. How do Christ’s redemption and propitiation for us show God’s righteousness? (25b, 26a) What can we learn here about God? (26b)