

Justification by Faith, Part 1

Romans 3:27-31

Lesson 6 Questions

First Day: Read the Lesson 5 Notes.

The notes and lecture fortify the truth of the passage for understanding and application to daily life.

1. What truth about salvation from the lecture struck you most, and why?
2. From the notes, what aspect of Paul's message contains good news for you or someone you love?

Second Day: Read Romans 3:27-28.

Paul revealed faith's impact on pride.

3. a. From verse 27, what is excluded? Why?
- b. What impact does faith have on pride? Why?
4. a. When might we be tempted to boast about our spirituality or relationship with God?
- b. What are some results of this type of boasting?
5. In what situations are you tempted to justify yourself to God, and how can you guard against self-righteousness?

Third Day: Reread Romans 3:27-28.

Paul declared faith's role in salvation.

6. a. Describe characteristics of saving faith by which sinners are justified. (See also John 1:12; 3:14-18; 20:30-31; Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 10:9; Hebrews 11; or other verses.)
- b. How do people understand and use the word "faith" in your culture? How does this understanding compare with the biblical definition?
7. Looking back to last week's lesson, explain in your own words why justification by faith apart from works is good news.
8. In what ways does your faith in Jesus impact your life choices and relationships?

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Fourth Day: Read Romans 3:29-30.

Paul affirmed there is one God and one path to justification.

9. Who are Gentiles, and why would Jews in Paul's day look down on them? (See also Romans 2:17, 23, 25. Use a dictionary if necessary.)
10. How does the fact that "there is only one God" and one salvation compare with modern thoughts on spirituality?
11. What truths from Romans 3:21-30 could you share to respond graciously to people who see all religions as viable options or believe there are many gods or many ways to God?

Fifth Day: Read Romans 3:31.

Paul asserted that justification by faith upholds God's law.

12. a. In your own words, summarize what God's law requires. (See also Exodus 20:1-17; Romans 6:23; 13:8-10.)
- b. What role does the law play in a person's ability to attain righteousness? (See also Romans 3:20; Galatians 3:24.)
- c. How did Jesus fulfill the law? (See Romans 3:25-26; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 2:17; 4:15.)
13. If God has justified you through faith, give examples of how He encourages and enables your loving obedience. (See also Romans 8:12-17, 31-34; Philippians 2:12-13; 1 John 1:5-10.)

Sixth Day: Review Romans 3:27-31.

God justifies people through faith in Christ alone.

14. What does God's plan to justify sinners through faith alone reveal about Him? How have you responded to His invitation to faith in Jesus as your Savior?

Homiletics for Group and Administrative Leaders: Romans 3:27-31