

# God's Righteousness Through Faith

Righteousness Revealed #5 - Pastor Gary Combs - November 4, 2018 - Romans 3:1-20

Romans 3:21-31 (ESV) <sup>21</sup> But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all 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> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup> It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup> Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup> For we hold that one 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 God is one— who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. <sup>31</sup> Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.

## Why faith in Jesus is the only way to be made right with God:

### 1. Because it's about \_\_\_\_\_.

John 1:12 (ESV) But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God

Romans 6:23 (ESV) For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### 2. Because it's about \_\_\_\_\_.

John 1:29 (ESV) ... "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

1 John 2:1-2 (ESV) <sup>1</sup> My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. <sup>2</sup> He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 Corinthians 5:7 (ESV) ... For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

### 3. Because it's about \_\_\_\_\_.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV) <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

1 Corinthians 1:30-31 (ESV) <sup>30</sup> And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."