

LIFE Group Sermon Questions

Justified

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Romans 3:21-26

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ 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. ²⁶ 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.

Sermon Outline

- I. The Problem – Romans 3:23
- II. The Payment – Romans 3:24-25
- III. The Promise – Romans 3:24-26

Discussion Questions

1. What did you learn today from the Scripture passage that you didn't know before? What is something that hit you in a fresh way?
2. Romans 3:23 says that all have sinned and fall short of God's glory. How does this challenge the ways people tend to compare themselves with others or define themselves as "good"?
3. Why do we sometimes hide our sin or pretend we are doing better than we are?
4. What does the cross reveal simultaneously about the seriousness of sin, the justice of God, and the depth of His love?
5. According to this passage, what did Jesus accomplish through His death? How do the ideas of redemption, sacrifice, and justification deepen your understanding of the gospel?
6. Why was Jesus' death necessary for our salvation? What would be compromised if God simply overlooked sin?
7. Romans 3:26 describes God as both "just and the justifier." How does the cross uphold God's justice while making sinners right with Him?
8. Salvation is freely received, yet it came at the cost of Jesus' life. How should that costly grace shape our gratitude, worship, priorities, and relationships?

9. What does it mean to be justified by faith apart from works? Where are you tempted to rely on performance, morality, ministry, or approval rather than Christ's finished work?
10. How are you personally responding to the invitation to trust in Jesus? What question, doubt, area of resistance, or next step would you like the group to pray about with you?