



THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

Romans 1:1-17

LESSON 2: CHRIST TOOK OUR PUNISHMENT

ROMANS 3:21-31 - BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: ROMANS 3:1-20

OPEN FOR DISCUSSION:

WE SERVE A LOVING, KIND, AND GRACIOUS GOD, HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND TO THAT TRUTH?

RIGHTEOUSNESS PROVIDED - ROMANS 3:21-22

21 But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference;

Discussion Question #1

- What are some Old Testament scriptures that will validate verse twenty-one?

(i.e., Isaiah 9:6-7; Zechariah 9:9)

THE GRACE OF GOD - ROMANS 3:27-31

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, 26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Discussion Question #2

- What does these verses tell us about God's grace?

BOASTING EXCLUDED - ROMANS 3:27-31

27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith. 28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law. 29 Or is He the God of the Jews only? Is He not also the God of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also, 30 since there is one God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. 31 Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.

Discussion Question #3

- Since our relationship with the Lord is based on faith, what was the purpose of the Law? Galatians 3:24

APPLY THE TEXT

We recognize that God has been merciful and gracious to us, which should prompt us to be about our Father's business of winning souls for Christ. What a privilege to be given the awesome task as ambassadors for Christ.

MEMORY VERSE

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (Romans 3:23)