# JUSTIFICATION THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS

Romans 3:21-4:25

Key Verse: 3:23-24

*“…for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.”*

1. Read verse 21. What does “But now apart from the law” indicate (cf. 19-20)? What is “the righteousness of God,” and how has it been made known (21b; Isa 46:13)? How is “the righteousness of God” different from the “wrath of God” (1:17-18)?
2. Read verses 22-24a. How can we obtain this righteousness? In what sense is there no difference between Jew and Gentile? What does the phrase “fall short of the glory of God” teach about God and us? What is “justification” (24a)? What does it mean to be justified freely by his grace (Eph 2:8-9)?
3. Read verses 24b-25a. To be justified, why do we need “redemption” (Ro 6:23a; Heb 2:14-15)? How did God redeem mankind from bondage to the power of sin and Satan (25a; Mk 10:45)? What is a “sacrifice of atonement" (Lev 17:11; Heb 9:22)? What is the significance and power of the blood of Jesus (1Pe 1:18-19; Heb 9:14; 10:14)?
4. Read verses 25b-31. As he presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement on the cross, what did God demonstrate? What practical change does justification bring in our lives (Heb 10:19-20; 2Co 5:17-19; Lk 1:74,75)? How does faith in Christ nullify human boasting? In what way does the law of faith uphold the law of God (31)?
5. Read 4:1-9. What characterized Abraham’s faith (1-5; Ge 15:1-6)? What did David have in common with Abraham (6-8)? What did David learn about the blessedness of being forgiven (Ps 32:1-5; 2Sa 12:7-13)? Who can enjoy this blessedness (9)?
6. Read verses 10-25. How can we share in the promise given to Abraham (10-17)? Describe the faith by which Abraham gave glory to God (18-22). How can we apply his faith to ourselves (23-25)?