

# Small Group Sermon Study

## The Righteousness that Comes from God and is by Faith Part II

### Week of August 23, 2020 A.D

We were created by God for the purpose of living righteous and holy lives in relationship with Him for both time and eternity. Our righteousness and holiness are made possible only by faith in Jesus Christ.

#### **Read Philippians 3:7-9**

1. Refer to verse 9. "Righteousness" means: "acting in accordance with divine or moral law; free from guilt or sin; living in right standing with God." The "law" refers to the Ten Commandments. (Refer to Deuteronomy 5:6-21) Have you broken any of the Ten Commandments? Are you righteous and/or sinless in (a) the eyes of God and (b) your own eyes? Please explain the reason for your answers.

#### **Read Hebrews 9:16-22**

2. Does God have the power, authority, and the right to declare that any sin by any person is punishable by that person being put to death? Has God declared such a death penalty for every person who has ever lived and for every person who is alive today? Please explain your answers.
3. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: "Forgiveness of sin would not be required if there were no eternity, no heaven, and no hell."
4. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: "Forgiveness of sin would not be required if God had not chosen to have a personal relationship with the created being whom God called "Adam". ("Adam" is the Hebrew word for man.)
5. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: "Forgiveness of sin has no appeal to any man or woman who does not want to experience and enjoy a personal relationship with God."

#### **Read Romans 2:12-16**

6. Refer to verse 12. Who are those who sin (a) "apart from the law"? and (b) "under the law"? Please explain the reasons for your answers.

7. Refer to verses 14 and 15. Do all people have a conscience? If not, why not? If a person does have a conscience, does their conscience make them accountable to God for their actions? Please explain the reasons for your answers.
8. Refer to verse 16. Will every person who has ever lived be personally judged by God? If not, why not? If so, (a) for what will they be judged? and (b) will any person be declared “righteous” based on that person’s own behavior and merit? Please explain the reasons for your answers.

**Read Romans 3:9-18**

9. Do all of the statements made in these verses apply (a) to you; (b) to all people everywhere; and/or (c) only to non-believers? Please explain the reasons for your answers.

**Read Romans 3:19-20**

10. Righteous means “free from guilt or sin.” Loving means “showing love or great care.” Fair means “free from prejudice or favoritism.” Based on these verses: (a) is God righteous? (b) is God loving? (c) is God fair? Please explain the reasons for your answers.

**Read Romans 3:21-26**

11. The word “justified” means: “to have right standing before God just as if you had never sinned.” “Grace” means “God’s unmerited favor which no human can ever gain or earn on his own.” Please explain the meaning of verses 21-24.
12. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: “The beauty of the gospel is that God will forgive me and grant to me eternal life if I ask Him to do so; and, I can then continue to live my life anyway I want without fear of ever being punished or condemned by God.”

**Consider:** The only way for any person to have right standing with God is through personal faith in the shed blood of Jesus as the payment for the penalty of their sins. Whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. “You think about that.” Amen.