

1. No justification by the deeds of the law

- a) Romans 3:20, why is it impossible for a person to be set right with God by the deeds of the law?
- b) What startling declaration does Paul make to Christians in Galatia? Galatians 2:21
- c) Some Jews in Christ's day believed they could be declared righteous before God by works of the law. What parable did Jesus tell to illustrate the foolishness of trusting in your own righteousness to be justified before God? Luke 18:9–14

2. The righteousness of God revealed

- a) Romans 3:21–26, how is the righteousness of God revealed?
- b) Give some examples of the Law and the Prophets testifying about the righteousness of God that would be revealed. Luke 24:25–27
 - i) Genesis 22:8, 14
 - ii) Isaiah 9:1–2, 6–7
 - iii) Isaiah 53:4–6
 - iv) Malachi 3:1–3; John 2:13–17

3. How God's righteousness is credited to our account

- a) Romans 3:22–26
- b) 2 Corinthians 5:21
- c) Why is "faith in Jesus Christ" vitally important in God's plan for

our redemption?

- d) Paul tells us we are justified by God's grace. Many have heard the song "Amazing Grace". What is grace?
- e) What encouragement might you give to a friend who said, "I just don't have enough faith to accept what Jesus has done for me"? Ephesians 2:8
- f) Unlike sanctification, which is the work of a lifetime, justification by faith happens the moment we fully repent and accept Jesus as our Savior. Is it important to be able to identify the moment you made that decision?
- g) Some suggest it is impossible to be lost after we have been justified by faith—once saved, always saved. What teaching on this topic do you find in the Scriptures? 1 Corinthians 10:12; Hebrews 6:4–6
- h) What does God's plan for our salvation tell us about the character of God?

4. Without the deeds of the law

- a) Romans 3:28
- b) If we are justified by faith in Jesus on account of God's grace, without the deeds of the law, does that mean we no longer need to obey God's law?
- c) How has your attitude towards God's law changed since you were justified by faith in Jesus Christ?

