

The Righteousness of God

A Study of the Book of Romans

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Key Truth: The righteousness of God is revealed in the gospel and accounted to everyone who believes.

The righteousness of God is not only what he does, but also who he is. It's both his way of doing things and his very nature: the attribute of God's divine integrity in which he executes or adjudicates his law with perfect justice all the time. It is the attribute that condemns unrighteousness in man but also makes a way for unrighteous man to be reconciled back to God. Through Jesus Christ bringing the righteousness of God to us, God can be both just and the justifier of the one who has faith in him (Romans 3:26). Therefore, the righteousness of God has world-changing effects for mankind.

DISCUSS

Read **Romans 1:16-17** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon entitled "The Righteousness of God."

DIG IN

1. The Righteousness of God is Revealed to us in the Gospel.

What does it mean that the righteousness of God is revealed in the Old Testament in anticipation of Christ's coming? In what ways is it revealed in the New Testament in full realization?

Why is it important that the righteousness of God not merely be "disclosed" to man but that it also be brought to bear on the lives of human beings?

In what ways had the righteousness of God been revealed to the Jews first and then the Gentiles? Does this mean that Gentiles are God's "Plan B?" Why or why not?

Why is it important that we understand the righteousness of God not merely as the righteousness that belongs to God but also as the righteousness that comes *from* God?

2. God's Righteousness is Accounted to us through Faith.

Read Genesis 15:6: In what ways did Abraham express faith in God?

Why is it important that we are accounted righteous based on God's free grace and not awarded righteousness based on our achievements?

In what ways is the righteousness that comes from God different than the "righteousness" of the world?

In what ways is this righteousness (justification) the basis for our assurance, sanctification, and perseverance?

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What lessons do you learn from these verses that you will take with you throughout the coming week?