

What can you start doing in order to prepare yourself to share the gospel with this person? Ask God to give you the wisdom and boldness to be obedient to Him by telling others of Him.

When you present the gospel, how do you respond to someone who says that they are good enough on their own to make it to heaven?

Write out the important points you would need to tell him, based on *Romans 3:22-23*.

If you are friends with a person who believes that he doesn't need salvation, pray that God would begin to soften his heart to receive your witness.

How can we pray for you this week?

Notable Quotes

Much of the impotence of American churches is tied to a profound ignorance and apathy about justification. Our people live in a fog of guilt. Or just as bad, they think being a better person is all God requires.

Kevin DeYoung

Night and day I pondered until I saw the connection between the justice of God and the statement that 'the just shall live by his faith.' Then I grasped that the justice of God is that righteousness by which through grace and sheer mercy God justifies us through faith. Thereupon I felt myself to be reborn and to have gone through open doors into paradise.

Martin Luther

We are justified, not by giving anything to God, - what we do, - but by receiving from God, what Christ hath done for us.

William Gurnall



Message #21: But Now, Righteous!

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Sermon
Notes

In Homer's *Iliad*, the great Trojan warrior, Hector, was preparing to fight Achilles and the invading Greeks. As he was about to leave home, Hector wanted to hold his young son Astyanax in his arms and bid him farewell. But Hector's armor so frightened the boy that he shrank away from his father in fear. Hector, laughing out loud, removed his bronze helmet and took his son in his arms. The boy discovered the father of his love behind the armor. This is similar to what Paul does beginning with *Romans 3:21*. Having shown God as Judge he now shows God with His armor off, who reaches out with open arms to sinful people, desiring them to come to Him through faith in Jesus.

Why are all humans so prone to try to get right with God by our own good works?

How does *Romans 3:21-24* summarize God's plan of salvation?

What is the most important question that anyone could ask (*Job 9:2*)?

What does the biblical term *righteousness* mean?

How do we acquire the righteousness of God (*Romans 3:22*)?

What does the biblical term *justification* mean?

How is one justified?

Is this a gradual, lifelong process? Why or why not?

What is God's *glory*? What does Paul mean when he says that we all *fall short of God's glory (Romans 3:23)*?

What does the biblical term *redemption* mean?

What does the biblical term *grace* mean?

What did the righteousness that was freely given to us cost God?

Who paid the price for the righteousness that we have received?

What do people need to believe in order to be saved (*Romans 10:9-10*)?

Read *Romans 6:14-23*. According to *verse 18*, what happened to you as a result of being made right with God?

Are you a happy love-servant of Jesus? If so, what fruit is visible in your life?

Do you have friends who are non-Christians? If not, where can you meet and make some non-Christian friends?

Romans 1:18-3:20 describes non-Christians' lifestyles. Are you currently praying for your non-Christian friends to come to salvation? Which ones?