

**Questions for Reflection and Discussion**  
**Romans 3:21-31**  
***Sola Fide***

***Getting Started***

What do you think most people mean by the word “faith”?

***Background***

- **Read Rom 1:16-17.** In these verses Paul introduces the theme of his letter to the church at Rome. Paraphrase these verses.
- **Read Rom 3:19-20.** From 1:18-3:20 Paul has been showing how the entire human race – Jews and Gentiles – are all guilty before God. Paraphrase his summary in 3:19-20.

***Digging In***

1. **Read Rom 3:21-26.** Jot down your first impressions.
2. According to vss. 21-22, how does God make his righteousness available to us?
3. Through what means does this righteousness come to us?
4. What does v. 23 say about the human dilemma? Put this verse in your own words.
5. What did God do to make it possible for us to be declared righteous? (vss. 24-25; see also 2 Cor 5:21)
6. In v. 26 Paul says that God *is the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus*. At the same time, God is just in doing so. In other words, he did not compromise his justice. Explain.
7. **Read Rom 3:27-29.** How does God’s plan of making us right with him eliminate the possibility of boasting?
8. Does God have a different plan of redemption for Jews than for Gentiles? Explain.



***Getting Personal***

- Have you ever tried to make yourself right with God through your own efforts? What kind of things did you do
- Would you say that you have a right standing before God? Why?
- What difference does this make in the way you live your life?