

# The Righteousness of God

Romans 3:21-26

- I. What is the righteousness of God?
- A. Its \_\_\_\_\_ meaning.
  - B. Its \_\_\_\_\_ understanding (Ps. 92:15).
  - C. Its \_\_\_\_\_ application (Ps. 145:17).
  - D. Its \_\_\_\_\_ usage.
    - 1. It refers to who God is.
    - 2. It refers to what God has done.
- II. Why is the righteousness of God so important?
- A. It \_\_\_\_\_ the validity of all God has said (Isa. 45:22-25)
  - B. It \_\_\_\_\_ the justice of God in judging believers as well as non-believers (Ps. 50:5; Acts 17:31; Rev. 16:4-7).
  - C. It \_\_\_\_\_ us in knowing that God will never forget what we have done in ministering to others (Heb. 6:10).
  - D. It \_\_\_\_\_ any need for self-righteousness (Rom. 3:27-28); 10:1-4; Titus 3:5-7).
  - E. It \_\_\_\_\_ us to practice righteousness in our personal lives (1 John 2:29; 3:7, 10).
  - F. It \_\_\_\_\_ God in making our salvation possible.
    - 1. It exalts His \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 3:24; 5:18-21)
    - 2. It exalts His \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor. 1:30; 2 Cor. 5:321).
  - G. It \_\_\_\_\_ the reason why no one can condemn us or separate us from the love of Christ (Rom. 8:31-38).

## Review and Discuss

What is the grammatical meaning of the word “righteousness?”

What is the difference between being declared righteous and made righteous? Why is this important to understand?

On what basis are we righteous before God (see Rom. 3:21-26)?

Give some reasons why the righteousness of God is so important.

According to Titus 3:5-7 and Romans 10:1-4, what part do we play in generating our own righteousness?

## Further Consideration

What does it mean that righteousness is not our present state, but our moral standing; not our performance, but our position?

Rewrite Psalm 145:17 in your own words. Is there any area in your life where you doubt this or question God?

Do you think that God is unfair in His judgment of sinners? What would you say to the person who believes that a loving God could never send anyone to hell?

How is Hebrews 6:10 encouraging to you? Are there things you would like to do this week to “minister to the saints” in His name?

According to Romans 8:31-38, can unrighteousness ever cause us to lose our salvation?