



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Lesson 6

Romans 3:21-31 Scripture Handout

New International Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
 2. What does this verse mean to me?
- Discuss your answers with the class.

(Romans 3:21) But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.

(Romans 3:22) This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile,

(Romans 3:23) for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

(Romans 3:24) and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

(Romans 3:25) God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—

(Romans 3:26) he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

(Romans 3:27) Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith.

(Romans 3:28) For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

(Romans 3:29) Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles too? Yes, of Gentiles too,

(Romans 3:30) since there is only one God, who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith.

(Romans 3:31) Do we, then, nullify the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law.

Write out the verse or verses you have been assigned below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Personal Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?