Righteousness by Faith
Romans 3:21-31

PROPOSITION: God gives people His righteousness through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

I. What if we aren’t perfect? Romans 3:21-24

A. There are actually two ways to heaven & right relationship with the Holy, Righteous, & Just God

B. No human (except Jesus) qualifies for the first way to heaven; we all fall short

C. God has revealed there is a righteousness that can come through faith

D. We can be justified freely by God’s grace through Jesus Christ’s redeeming work

II. How does this righteousness by faith work? Romans 3:25-26

A. Jesus Christ paid sin’s penalty for us by His death on the cross

B. Jesus’ atoning sacrifice demonstrates God’s righteousness

C. God hasn’t punished all sin instantly but surely will – He is just

D. He is also the one who freely provides justification to those who have faith in Jesus

III. What about those seeking to live God’s morals and ways Romans 3:27-31

A. Those who come to faith in Jesus will seek to serve, love and obey the moral, perfect God

B. This does NOT make them “better” than those who don’t

C. No one cannot claim “God owes them” (or we should go to heaven because of good things we have done)

D. Does justification by faith mean we no longer need to obey God’s ways?

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