

## Session 5: Romans 3:21–31

Read Romans 3:21–31.

**What is the Romans Road to salvation?**

**Apart from Christianity, what premise does every other religious message work from?**

**What words in this passage does J.D. highlight as especially important?**

**How familiar are you with the Romans Road? Have you ever heard it being used for evangelism, or have you used it yourself?**

**Why is it significant that the righteousness of God is now revealed “apart from the law”? How is it good news for us?**

**When you think of the Old Testament, do you think of grace? Why or why not?**

**In what ways does Paul’s argument change the way you view the Old Testament?**

**How do we become righteous? To whom is God’s righteousness offered?**

**What difference has it made in your life to know that the phrase “to all who believe” applies to you? How could that phrase embolden your evangelism?**

**Why is it good news that God freely justifies those who have faith in Jesus?**

**Has your struggle with sin caused you to doubt or question your justification? How so?**

**What can you do to keep your justification front of mind, even while you battle your sin?**

**When God redeemed you, from what destructive habits and patterns did he buy you back?**

**In what ways are you experiencing freedom from those patterns and habits?**

**What difference does it make to your faith to know that Jesus’s death and resurrection cover sins “previously committed”?**

**How does the cross deepen your understanding of God’s love for you? How does knowing the full work of grace shape your understanding of the gospel?**

**What strikes you about the simplicity of the gospel? Why?**

**Does it feel easier or more difficult than earning our salvation? Explain your answer.**

**In what ways does pride still manifest itself in you? In what ways can the gospel correct you when you notice pride in yourself?**

**How have you seen the grace of God work in your life to bring about greater obedience to God’s law?**

**What could it look like to depend even more on God’s grace to obey him?**

**Have you “leaned your weight on” Christ, and Christ alone?**

**Go Deeper**

*1. The Romans Road*

**What do you think makes Romans such a good resource for explaining the gospel to others?**

**In what ways is the Romans Road an effective way of sharing the gospel?**

**What would you say are some of the disadvantages (if any) of doing evangelism with only a tool like the Romans Road?**

**What could you do to implement the Romans Road into more of the conversations you have with others about the gospel?**

*2. On Justification*

Read Romans 3:23–24.

**How would you define “justification” in your own words??**

**What difference does it make in your day-to-day life to know that you have been declared righteous by God?**

**In what situations do you most often experience feelings of doubt regarding your justification? How can you train yourself to trust God’s declaration more than your feelings?**

**What’s your typical response when you sin? What difference does your justification make when you sin?**

**What could it mean for you to truly understand that, “by God’s grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,” you are not guilty?**

*3. Peek at the Greek: Atoning Sacrifice*

Read Romans 3:25.

**Based on the immediate context of the passage, how would you define atoning sacrifice?**

**Take a moment to pause and consider J.D.’s statement. What could it mean for your life to remember that God’s wrath has been fully satisfied?**

**How can Jesus’s atoning sacrifice impact your faith? Your joy? Your assurance? Your gratitude?**

*4. Grace Empowers Obedience*

Read Romans 3:27–31.

**When you sin, do you typically run to God or hide from him? Why did you answer in that way?**

**In his grace, how does God receive lawbreakers who come to him?**

**If God’s grace empowers us for obedience, how should his grace reshape the way we think about obeying his law?**

**What difference could it make in your day-to-day life to believe that God has given you the grace you need to obey his commands?**