



“R” Is for Righteousness

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(Romans 3:19-31)

I. **RIGHTEOUSNESS** means living in right _____.

II. The Old (*humanly impassible*) Road to Righteousness: The Way of the _____.

A. The Law is _____.

B. The Law is _____ (cold & hard & powerless).

Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.

- Romans 3:19-20

III. The New (*divinely possible*) Way to Righteousness: The Way of the _____!

But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe...

3:21-22

Righteousness is God's! (God is, always and forever, righteous! Righteousness is God's gift through Christ to those who trust in Him! So, real, transforming, saving righteousness cannot be achieved but only received.

A. Apart from _____

Romans 3:21

B. Through faith in _____

3:22

C. To all who _____

D. Despite _____

3:23

E. Because of _____

3:23-25

† Gracious justification (“Not guilty!” & “Righteous!”)

† Atoning sacrifice

F. Demonstrating God's _____ (with mercy & grace)

3:25-26

IV. The New (*humanly possible*) Way to Live on the Gospel _____:
By _____!

A. Without _____ (about self or race or nation...)

3:27

B. Without _____ others

3:29-30

C. Upholding the _____ (affirming what is good!)

3:31