

Reformation 500 Just by Faith November 12, 2017

(Romans 3:21-24, 27-28)

- ²¹ But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²² This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.
- ²⁷ Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. On what principle? On that of observing the law? No, but on that of faith. ²⁸ For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law.
 - 1. What are some different views of how a person is in a right standing with God?

2. How is the teaching of the righteousness of God like two sides of one coin?

- 3. What is the difference between every other idea of righteousness with God and the Bible's?
- 4. What were some of the things Luther did to try to feel right before God? What are some of the things you try to do to feel right before God?

5. What is the difference between Objective Justification and Subjective Justification?

6. Why is Subjective Justification often called the one doctrine on which the entire church stands or falls?

7. According to the Bible, who gets all the credit if I am a believer in Jesus? Who gets all the blame if I am not? How do you reconcile those two answers?

8. Why should our faith not be in the strength of our faith but in the object of our faith?