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[21] But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. [22] This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, [23] for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, [24] and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. [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--- [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 3:21-26

1. Romans 3:20 ESV says: *For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.*
From this verse, what do we learn about the works, the law, sin and being justified?
2. Since the law has no power to remove our sin and can only define it, what did God choose to do to rescue us from our guilt?
3. How can we stand faultless before God even though we are sinners and a righteous and perfect God needs to condemn sin?
4. Romans 3:27-29 NIV says: *[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. [28] For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law. [29] Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles too? Yes, of Gentiles too,*
According to these verses, why do none of us have the right to boast about our salvation?
5. Whether we are rich or poor, a mature Christian or a new believer, what makes us all equal before God?
6. Verse 25 in the ESV says that Christ's blood was a propitiation for our sin? What does it mean? (*Hint: Propitiation is something that addresses, satisfies and turns away anger.*)
7. Romans 3:10-11 NIV says: *As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God.*
Just how sinful are we and why would God ever want to rescue us from our sin and rebellion (v. 26)?
8. Pastor Jonathan outlined the ABC's of Response to this passage as: Admit, Believe, Come. How did these play a role in your salvation?