

AM Sermon Notes

Text: Romans 3:21-22

Title: "How to Get to Heaven"

Central Truth: Because all people are sinful, we must accept God's provided righteousness in Christ by faith to get to Heaven.

I. v. 21: God's Righteousness Revealed

But now - This marks a great transition or turning point in Paul's letter to the Roman church (c.f. Romans 1:18-3:20).

KJV - **is manifested**, NIV - **made known** - This word means to make clear, visible, to reveal.

Three Things to Notice:

1. **The Righteousness of God:** (*Justification*) _____
2. **Without or apart from the Law:** _____
3. **Being witnessed by the Law and Prophets:** _____

II. v. 22: God's Righteousness Received

Here Paul gives us the very essence or foundation of true Biblical Christianity.

Faith (*Greek - pistis*) Saving faith is more than just mental assent or consent.

It means to place our trust, reliance on Jesus! Faith is only as good as the **object** in which it is placed. Faith does not earn us or merit us our salvation.

It is the way, channel through which we receive what God has provided for us - **imputed righteousness** from Christ!

Believe (*Greek - pisteuō*) Present tense participle which speaks of an ongoing, continuing trust in Jesus.

Two Practical Applications:

1. _____
2. _____