



Milestone #2: How Do I Become a Christian?

Lesson 3 – Romans 3:21-31

Please read the scripture and watch the video first. Then use the questions below to begin your discussion of the message in your group.

Summary:

From the beginning God took the initiative and provided a way for us to be right with him. He graciously redeems us when we put our faith in Jesus who gave his life for us. Since our salvation is a free gift from God and not something we can earn, we have no room to boast.

Definitions:

- **Law and the Prophets** – The whole Old Testament.
- **Sin** – Choosing my own will instead of God's will; breaking God's rules; that which separates us from a right relationship with God.
- **Sacrifice of Atonement** – The sacrifice that satisfies the righteous wrath of God. Jesus is that perfect sacrifice (3:25).
- **Justified** – declared not guilty of sin and righteous before God.

Ice Breaker Question:

- Tell about a gift you received from someone special.

Discussion Questions:

- If you made the statement "all have sinned" among your friends and neighbors, what would the reaction be?
- What holds people back from a right relationship with God?
- What does it cost for us to be made right with God (3:23-25)?
- Does it bother you that God has offered forgiveness to anyone who believes in Jesus, even the "worst" sinners? Why would God offer His righteousness free to every person?
- Think about the largest bill you owe. If you got a note explaining that someone had anonymously paid it for you, how would you respond?
- Jesus paid a debt none of us could pay on our own behalf. What is your response to Jesus' payment for your sins? If you have not admitted your sin and your need for a right relationship with God, talk with your group now. Ask Jesus to come into your heart and be your Lord and Savior!