

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Discipleship Training**


How to participate in the "Romans Bible Study":

1. Live Stream: <https://www.emmanuelc.org>
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"Mosaic Series"**



Romans

Week 4 – God's Gift of Righteousness (3:1 – 5:11)

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Study of Romans

Week 4 Content – Continued into Week 5

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Study of Romans

Week 4: Objectives

1. Understand God's righteousness and justification
2. Grow in our faith by increasing our understanding of the concept of justification by faith

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Study of Romans

Condemned & without excuse

Read Romans 3:1-3:20

1. The Jews condemned
 - A. Possessed God's special revelation (the oracles of God, 3:2)
 - B. Their unrighteousness shows the righteousness of God (3:5)

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Study of Romans

Condemned & without excuse

2. The world stands condemned
 - A. God as judge (3:6)
 - B. Both Jews and Greeks under sin (3:9)
 - C. Condemnation of world through law
 - Natural law
 - Written, Mosaic law
 - "Every mouth stopped, the whole world held accountable to God" (3:19)


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Study of Romans

Condemned & without excuse

Q1: How can we help explain the reality of sin and fallen creation to the world in our modern times?



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Study of Romans

The Righteousness of God revealed

Read Romans 3:21-3:31

1. Justification is by God's grace, through Christ, as a gift (3:22-24)
2. Justification is not abstract or arbitrary
 - A. God does not directly declare sinners righteous apart from means/agency
 - B. Protestant caricature

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Study of Romans

The Righteousness of God revealed

3. Justification is in and through Christ, the Just One (3:24, 25)

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Study of Romans

The Righteousness of God revealed

4. Justification is judicial/forensic

- A. Courtroom language ("Divine forbearance," "passed over former sins," "not count his sin")
- B. Justification involves the *declaration of righteousness* (vindication) rather than a person's *being made righteous*, though God does both

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Study of Romans

The Righteousness of God revealed

4. Justification is judicial/forensic

- A. Courtroom language
- B. Justification involves the *declaration of righteousness* (vindication)
- C. St. Jerome and the Vulgate: *Iustificare vs Dikaioo*


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Study of Romans

The Righteousness of God revealed

Q2: Have you ever attempted to explain to someone how we become righteous before God? How did you do it, and how was it received?



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Study of Romans

The Righteousness of God revealed

5. Justification is received by faith (3:25 – 30)


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Study of Romans

The Righteousness of God revealed

Q3: Is the teaching of justification by faith comforting to you? Can it be comforting to someone who does not acknowledge sin?



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Study of Romans

Justification by faith (Abraham (Ch 4))

1. Principle established: Faith contrasted with works (4:2-8)
 - A. Merit removed from equation (4:4,6)
 - B. Sins are covered and not counted against man (4:7,8)
2. Abraham justified before circumcision (4:9-12)

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Study of Romans

Justification by faith (Abraham (Ch 4))

3. We share Abraham's faith in Christ (4:16-25)
4. We are reconciled to God by Christ (5:1-11)


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Study of Romans

Justification by faith (Abraham (Ch 4))

Q4: Do you think that fallen man is naturally inclined to exclude works from his standing before God?
Why or why not?



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