

## Going deeper

In Romans 3, Paul's looks at the cross and what it achieves through the concept of 'righteousness'. Hebrews 9 is also about the cross as a means of redemption. However, it focuses on the related concept of a 'cleansed conscience'. Both passages draw a contrast between the old way under the Law and the new way brought in by Christ's death and resurrection.

### Read Hebrews 9:1-15

5. What did the High Priest have to do to enter the Most Holy Place (or inner room)? What does this show us about God's attitude to our sin?
6. In what ways was the old system limited? Why did this point forward to something better?
7. How was Jesus's ministry as High Priest different to what had happened before?
8. What things did Christ's sacrifice achieve for us?
9. What's the difference between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant? (cf. Heb. 8:7-12)

***Now do the applying it to our lives questions...***



**Week Beginning  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

### Growth Team News

Growth Teams are back this week. If you are not already in one, why not commit to join one just for the next 5 weeks? There are 3 daytime Growth Teams meeting at present and all would welcome new members. They meet for friendship, prayer and a follow up study to what we learn in the Sermon on Sunday. See details of meeting times and contact numbers below.

**Growing in Christ  
to glorify God  
and enjoy Him forever**



## Righteousness through Faith

### *Romans 3.21-31 (page 1131)*

*Space to take notes on the talk*

#### **Starter question**

- ❖ When have you needed to 'justify yourself' or your actions to someone else?

#### **Responding to the talk**

1. From today's talk what would you say is so great about what God has done for us?
2. Read Romans 3:21-24
  - a. The phrase, 'But now' contrasts the old with the new. What is 'the righteousness of God' being contrasted with (cf. 1:18; 3:20)?
  - b. What do verses 21-22 teach us about the 'righteousness of God'?
  - c. To be 'justified' means to be declared right or innocent of sin. Why do we need justification and how are we justified?
3. Read Romans 3:25-26
  - a. A 'sacrifice of atonement' was how God's anger at sin was dealt with. Who offers this sacrifice? Why is this grace?
  - b. What does the sacrifice achieve for us and how do we receive those benefits?
  - c. What does the sacrifice demonstrate about God?
4. Read Romans 3:27-31
  - a. Why does salvation by faith exclude any boasting?
  - b. How does the good news treat Jews and Gentiles the same?
  - c. In what way is the law upheld? (cf. 4:1-3; 8:3-4; 13:8-10)

*You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.*

#### **Applying it to our lives**

10. Someone asks you why Jesus needed to die for us. How would you answer them?
11. A Christian friend is worried that they are 'not right with God' because of some sin they have committed. How would you counsel them?