**WALKING THE ROMAN ROAD**

**The Righteousness of God**

**Romans 3:1-31**

*“The righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe” 3:22*

**God’s Righteousness is supported by His Majesty vs.1-8**

 God is always right in His dealings with people

 God is always right in His keeping of promises

 God is always right in His execution of judgements

**God’s Righteousness is set apart by His Glorious Perfection vs 9-20**

All people are sinners and therefore unrighteous

God isperfect and therefore righteous

All people are separated from God

**God’s Righteousness is shared because of His Grace vs. 21-31**

 How? Through faith in Jesus

Who? To all who believe

Why? To demonstrate God’s justice

 To justify those who have faith

 *“Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded” vs27*

NOTES

Law vs Grace

A legalistic religion (the Law) is one of redemption through human effort

* the “religious” man can be just as lost as the man who is not “religious”

Legalistic religion has a tendency toward a mercenary spirit

* righteousness is something which may be earned
* man may stand before God and say “This is what I have done, now give me my reward!”
* I followed all the rules and regulations

Legalistic religion has a fondness for negatives

* a negative Christianity defeats itself and becomes joyless

A legalistic religion is a burden, wearing a man down – Christ is a living power bearing him up from within

The Jews advantage was the Law

* but the Law makes sin known and man accountable
* the Law ends in condemnation, no one can obey fully.
* the revelation of God in His word

The Christian advantage

* Grace
* the revelation of God in His Son

Law speaks of God’s wrath

Grace speaks of His mercy and love

Law showed the need for righteousness

Grace fulfilled the need in Go’ds righteousness