

**Righteousness from the Law**

**Righteousness- this word, or forms of it, occur over 30x throughout Romans. It speaks of the condition of being conformed to God's holy character and His perfect standard.**

**The Man-Centered Standard of Righteousness Includes...**

**Heritage (2:17)**

**Knowledge (18-24)**

**Ritual (25-29)**

**Objection: "Since we cannot meet the law's requirements, yet are judged by the law, is God therefore unrighteous?"**

**Is God faithful? (3:1-4)**

**Is God fair? (5-6)**

**Is sin good? (7-8)**

**The Results of the Law**

**All are shown to be under sin (9-18)**

**All are accountable and without defense (19)**

**All know sin through law (20; cf 7:7-12; Gal. 3:23-24)**

**The Righteousness of God**

His Righteousness Is...

**Apart from law (21a)**

**Foretold by Old Testament (21b)**

**Through faith in Christ alone (22)**

**Needed by all for salvation (23)**

His Righteousness Secures Our...

**Justification (24a)** – We are declared “not guilty.” (cf. Rom. 8:33)

**Redemption (24b)** – We are “bought from the slave market.”

**Propitiation (25a)** – God’s wrath is appeased (to cover, to be merciful toward).

His Sacrifice...

**Demonstrates His patience (25b)**

**Shows His righteousness (26)**

**Excludes our boasting (27-28)**

**Shows that He is God of all (29-30)**

**Meets the perfect requirements of Law for us by faith in Christ alone (31)**