**“Results of Being Saved by Faith”**

**(Romans 3:27-31)**

**In today’s text Paul gives us three essential “take-aways” from his teaching on justification by faith in Romans 3.  He wants us to see that because justification (salvation) is solely by faith in Christ, and not at all by works, there are three important truths that result.**

 **I. EXCLUSION of Boasting  (27-28)**

* **Because of the Principle of Faith  (27)**

 *(Ephesians 2:8-9; Galatians 6:14)*

* **Because of the Provision of Faith  (28)**

 *(Romans 3:20-21, 24)*

 **II. EQUALITY of Jew and Gentile  (29-30)**

* **One God for All  (29)**

 *(Deuteronomy 6:4; Genesis 18:25; Psalm 96:1; 97:5)*

* **One Way of Salvation for All  (30)**

 *(Psalm 98:2-3; Romans 4:1-5)*

 **III. ESTABLISHMENT of the Law  (31)**

 *(Matthew 5:17)*

* **Penalty of Law Established**

 *(Ezekiel 18:4)*

* **Purpose of Law Established**

*(Galatians 3:24)*

* **Practice of Law Established**

*(Romans 8:1-4)*

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**Small Group Discussion Guide**

**1. Share something from Sunday’s sermon that was the most**

 **interesting or challenging to you, or that raised a question.**

**2. Read Romans 3:27-28.  What are some things that people tend**

 **to boast about?  Why is there absolutely no place for boasting**

 **regarding our salvation?  What is the difference between the “DO”**

 **and “DONE” approaches to salvation?  Which approach are you**

 **trusting?**

**3. Read Romans 3:29-30.  How would you answer someone who**

 **made the following statement: *“Since there is only one God, all***

 ***religions are worshipping the same God and will all be with Him***

 ***in Heaven.”* What is Paul’s point in reminding his readers that**

 **there is only one God?**

**4. How is it possible that salvation is by faith apart from the law,**

 **but Romans 3:31 says that salvation by faith establishes the law?**

 **How does salvation by faith “establish” the law?  In what sense are**

 **we truly “free” from the law?  (Consider Romans 8:1-4; 13:8-10**

 **and Galatians 5:13-16)**

**Digging Deeper**

**1. Go back through Romans 3 and underline each time a form of the**

 **Word “righteous” occurs.  This would also include *righteousness*,**

 ***just,* and *justified*.  Now circle all the occurrences of “faith” or**

 **“believe” in Romans 3. What is the relationship between**

 **righteousness and faith?**

**2. Write a concise definition of the following “Romans 3” terms –**

 **Justification; Redemption; and Propitiation.  Compare your**

 **definitions with a good Bible dictionary and refine your definitions**

 **as needed.  You can go on-line to:**

<https://www.biblegateway.com/resources/eastons-bible-dictionary/Justification>

<https://www.biblegateway.com/resources/eastons-bible-dictionary/Redemption>

<https://www.biblegateway.com/resources/eastons-bible-dictionary/Propitiation>