

ONE TRICK PONY

Romans 3:27–31

I. We can give credit only to God for what He has done and continues to do in our lives.

II. God is One and the only One and will judge all humanity based on faith in Him.

III. The Law is fulfilled in Jesus and upheld because of Him.

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Read Romans 3:21-26. How is this passage foundational to our faith? Discuss what is unique about God's grace and His actions for salvation. How does this compare to all other religions?
2. Read Romans 3:27-31. Why does Paul say that our boasting should be excluded? What are we to boast in? Jer. 9:24, Ps.34:2, Gal. 6:14
3. What does it mean to be justified by faith apart from works of the law? What biblical passages or examples do you think of when you think of faith in God? Heb. 11:1,6, Rom. 12:2, Eph. 2:8-9. Describe your faith or an inspiring story of faith.
4. How is the world's view of "faith" different than a Christian understanding of "faith alone"? Luke 18:9-14, Matt. 5:3
5. Discuss the idea of God is One. Deut. 6:4-9, Read Rom. 3:29-30. How would this convict the prideful Jewish person? How would it encourage the Gentile? How does this message translate to the Great Commission? Matt. 28:19-20, Zech. 14:9.
6. In v. 31 Paul says the law is to be upheld. What does that mean? What is the purpose of the law and how is it fulfilled in Jesus? Gal. 3:19, Rom. 3:20, 7:12, Acts 13:38-39, Matt. 5:17.

MEMORY VERSES: ROMANS 1:16-17

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

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