ROMANS: A FIRM FOUNDATION

Hope for the Hopeless
Romans 3:21-31
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forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished — 26 he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

27 Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. On what principle? On that of observing the law? No, but on that of faith. 28 For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law. 29 Is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles too? Yes, of Gentiles too, 30 since there is only one God, who will justify the circumcised by faith and the
uncircumcised through that same faith. 31 Do we, then, nullify the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law.
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Try aiming for the wall—maybe then you'll hit the target!
KEY TERMS

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  To fall short of the mark
  Sin separates us from ourselves
  Sin separates us from others
  Sin separates us from God
  Sin is cumulative
KEY TERMS

• **Sin** =
  To fall short of the mark

• **Justice** =
  An absolute standard
KEY TERMS

• Atonement =  
  A religious term: To appease a god.

• Justification =  
  A legal term: To make right.

• Redemption  
  A slavery term: To buy back.
• Faith (42x)  
  = believing enough to act  
  Surrendering your will to the will of the Father  
  Giving up our excuses and declaring our bankrupt status before God
THE ONLY CURE

• Faith in what?
  That Jesus atoned for my sin
  That Jesus justified me in spite of my sin
  That Jesus redeemed me from my sin
TO GO:

• Do you know Jesus?
• What impact has his grace and mercy had on your life?
• How do you say thanks for all that he has done for you?