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Being a Christian instead
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8. A God who does it all

Romans 3:21-31

1. In 1:18-3:20 Paul demonstrates that we can't achieve righteousness. In 3:21-31 he shows that righteousness is fully dependant on Christ. In what ways can we slip back into thinking salvation depends partly on our effort and partly on the cross? What can we rely on instead of the cross?
2. How can we fight this tendency? How can we maintain a balance between putting effort in to live the Christian life and not relying on that effort?

3. **Justification** – What is justification?

4. How can God credit another's righteousness to us?

5. What righteousness is accredited to us? Of what quality is it?

6. What implications does this have for us when we feel particularly holy/unholy? How does God view you on your worst day? What impact does this truth have on you?

7. **Redemption** – In what ways does sin enslave us?

8. What encouragement/challenge is it to know that you have been rescued from the



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slavery of sin?

9. How does the costliness of redemption help us in living for Christ?

10. **Propitiation** – v25 What is propitiation? What does it mean?

11. What truths from v25-27 would you use to answer someone who said "These ideas of sacrifice are pagan and barbaric"?

12. How can you use this truth to deepen your assurance?

13. How would you use this passage to answer someone who said "If all this is true you could live as you liked"?

14. What answer would you give to someone who talked about having great faith? What would you be seeking to show them?