

**Follow Part 3 – “Believe it or Not”  
September 22 & 25, 2022**

**Romans 3:19**

Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.

**Romans 3:20**

Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

- **righteousness – a validating record of [performance](#)**

**Romans 3:21-22**

But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

**Romans 3:22-23**

There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

- **forgiven– “You may [go](#). You are [free](#).”**
- **justified – “You may [come](#). You are [worthy](#).”**

**Romans 3:25**

God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith.

**Romans 3:27-28**

Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

- **You are not saved by the size of your faith but by the [object](#) of your faith.**

**John 3:16**

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

- **God loved, so God gave. When we [believe](#), we receive.**

### **Group Questions**

1. Agree/Disagree: Everyone tries to justify their existence.
2. What are some ways that you try to justify your existence?
3. Read Romans 3:19-20. Why can't "the law" be used to validate your life before God? Why do religious people seem to encourage this approach?
4. Read Romans 3:21-23. What could be the result if a person understands free forgiveness, but doesn't understand free justification? Begin by discussing the difference between forgiveness and justification.
5. How would you explain faith? Come up with a Group definition. Cite any Bible verses that you are able.
6. How does a person know if they have faith? How does a person know if they have enough faith?
7. If you are saved by the object of your faith, does having a big faith matter? If so, in what way?
8. This week, what's one thing you can do that could boost your faith?