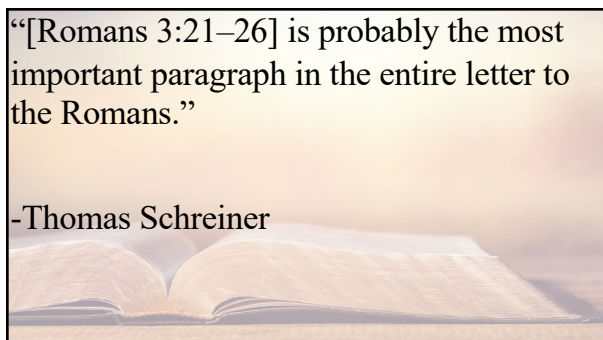
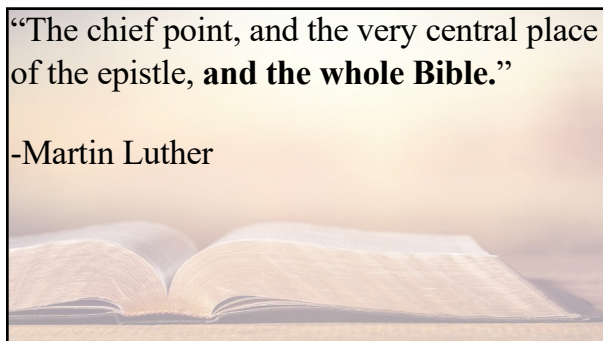


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Romans 3:21

“But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—”



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right·eous·ness/' rīCHəsənəs/

noun

the quality or state of being righteous.



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right·eous/' rīCHəs/

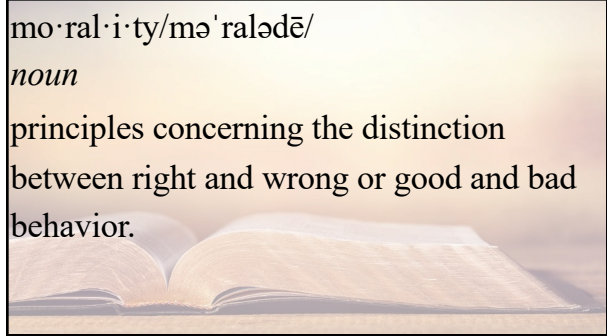
Adjective

1. (of a person or conduct) morally right or justifiable; virtuous. characterized by uprightness or morality.



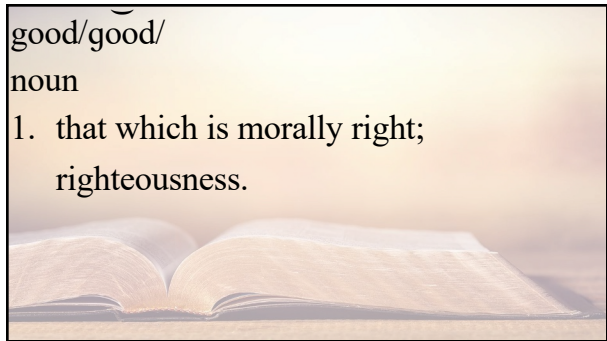
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mo·ral·i·ty/mə'ralədē/
noun
principles concerning the distinction
between right and wrong or good and bad
behavior.



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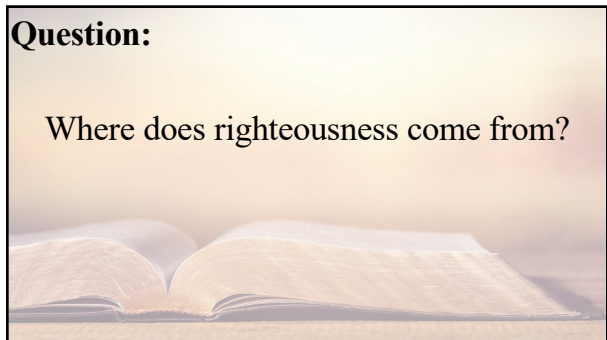
good/good/
noun
1. that which is morally right;
righteousness.



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Question:

Where does righteousness come from?



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Answer:

Righteousness does not exist apart from God. God alone is righteous, and righteousness comes from God alone.

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Question:

What is righteousness?

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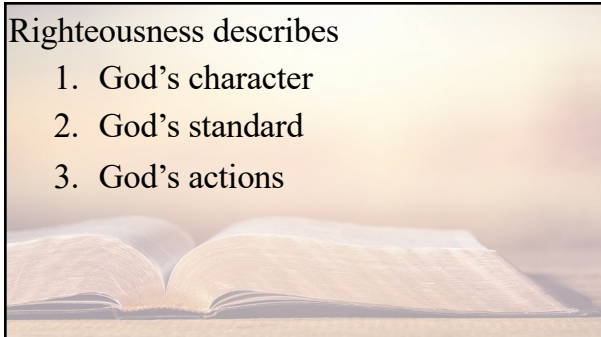
Answer:

Righteousness: (dikaiosynē) divine approval, God's judicial approval, the approval of God. Refers to what is deemed right by the Lord (after His examination), i.e. what is approved in His eyes.

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Righteousness describes

1. God's character
2. God's standard
3. God's actions

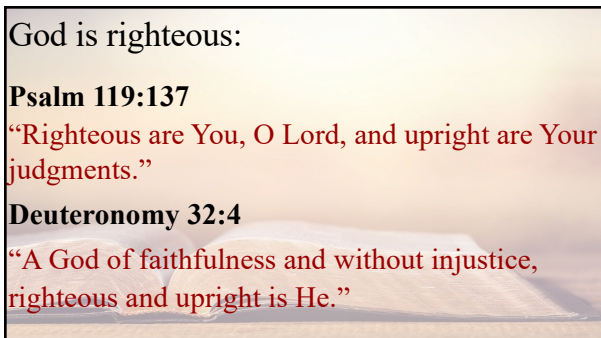


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God is righteous:

Psalm 119:137
"Righteous are You, O Lord, and upright are Your judgments."

Deuteronomy 32:4
"A God of faithfulness and without injustice, righteous and upright is He."

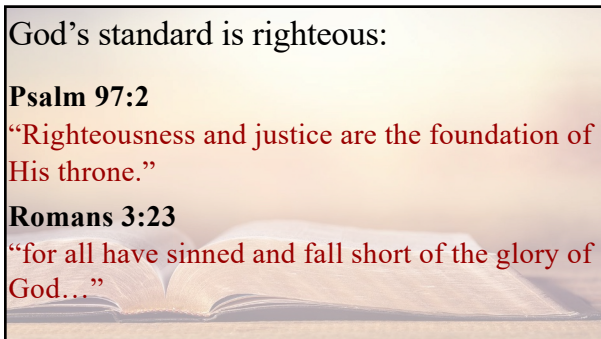


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God's standard is righteous:

Psalm 97:2
"Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne."

Romans 3:23
"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..."

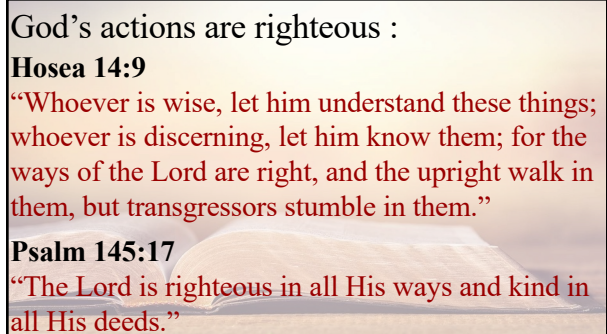


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God's actions are righteous :

Hosea 14:9
“Whoever is wise, let him understand these things; whoever is discerning, let him know them; for the ways of the Lord are right, and the upright walk in them, but transgressors stumble in them.”

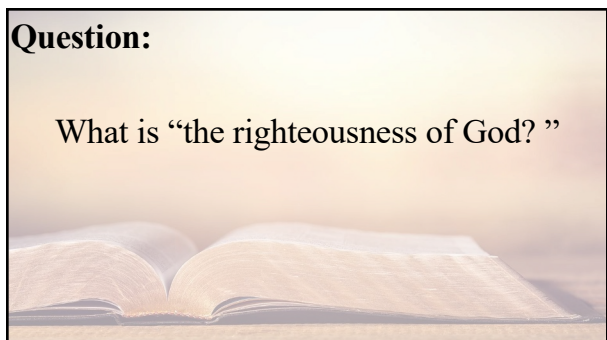
Psalm 145:17
“The Lord is righteous in all His ways and kind in all His deeds.”



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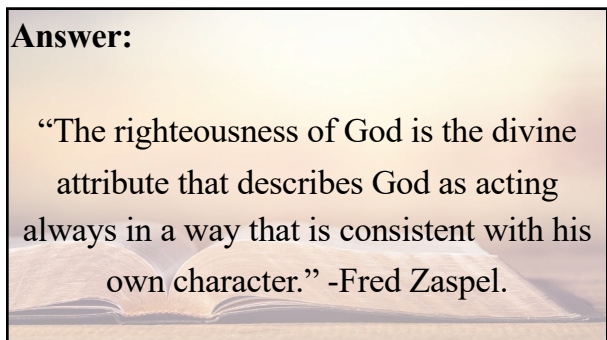
What is “the righteousness of God? ”



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Answer:

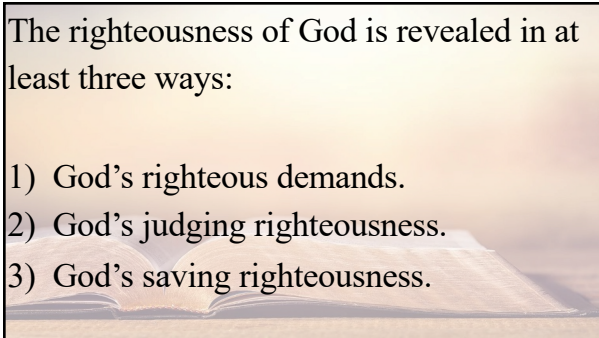
“The righteousness of God is the divine attribute that describes God as acting always in a way that is consistent with his own character.” -Fred Zaspel.



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The righteousness of God is revealed in at least three ways:

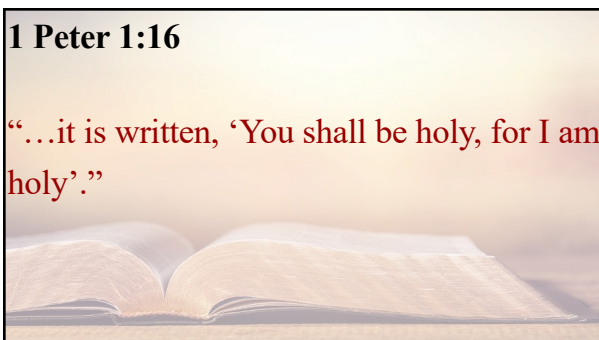
- 1) God's righteous demands.
- 2) God's judging righteousness.
- 3) God's saving righteousness.



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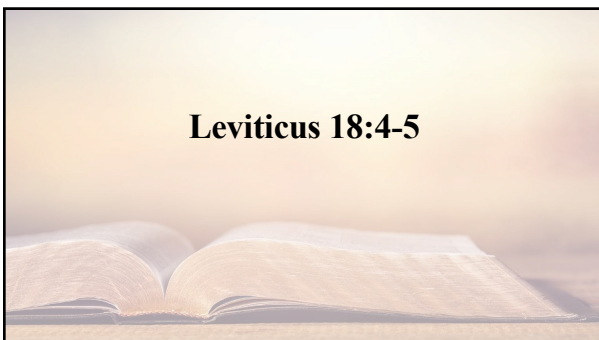
1 Peter 1:16

“...it is written, ‘You shall be holy, for I am holy.’”



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Leviticus 18:4-5



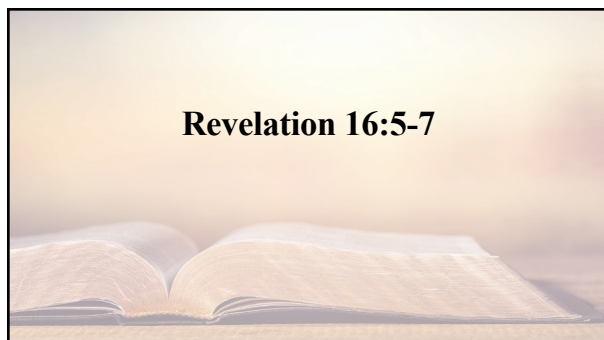
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Romans 1:32

“Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.”

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Revelation 16:5-7

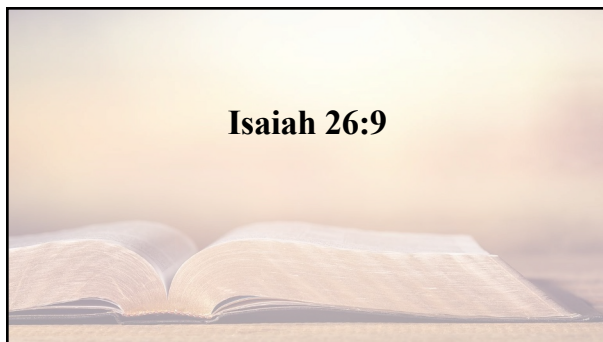


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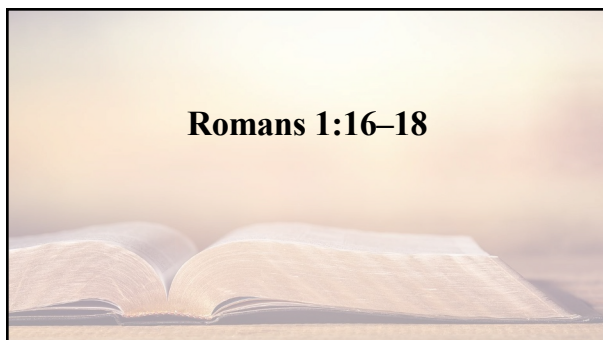
Romans 2:5

“But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.”

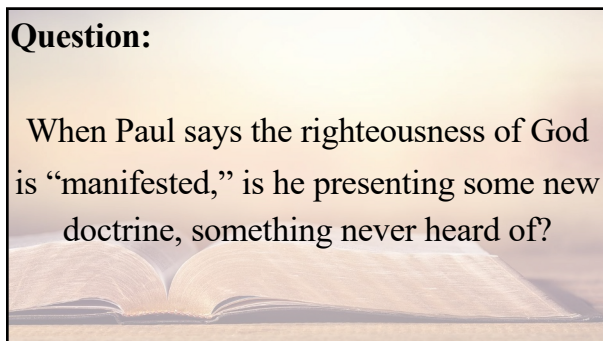
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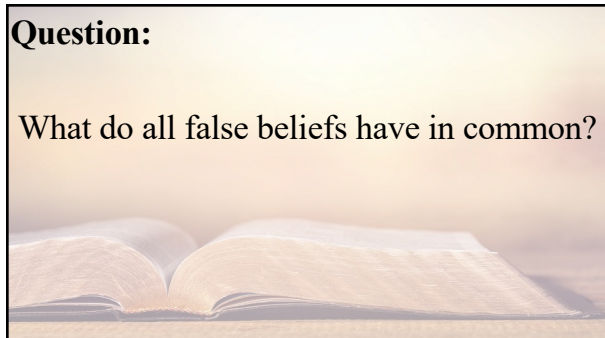
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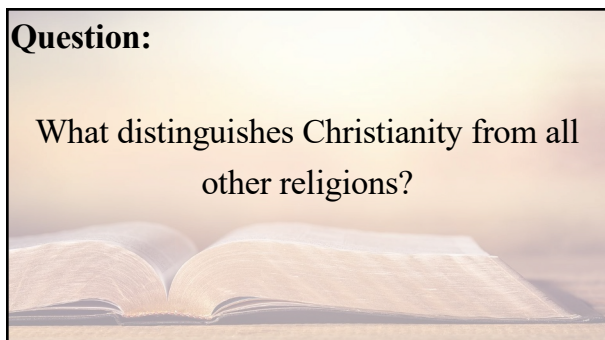
What do all false beliefs have in common?



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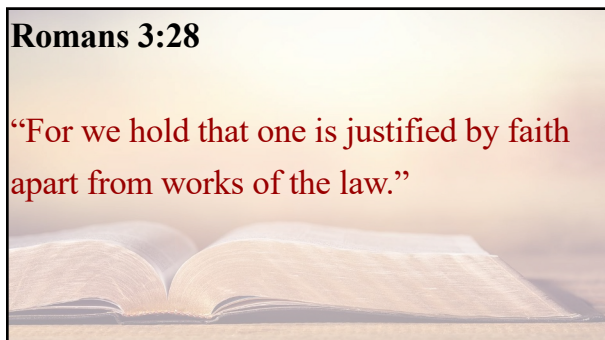
What distinguishes Christianity from all other religions?



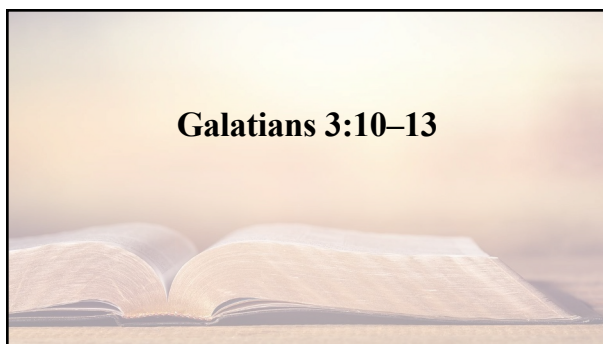
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Romans 3:28

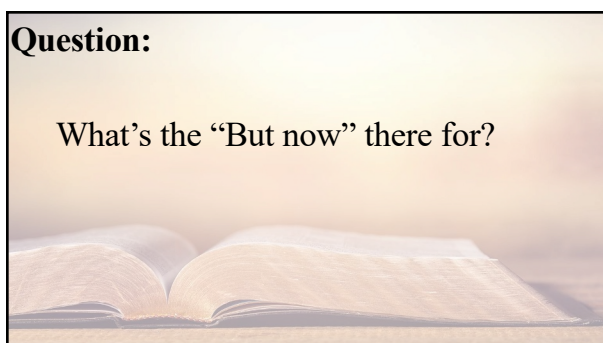
“For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.”



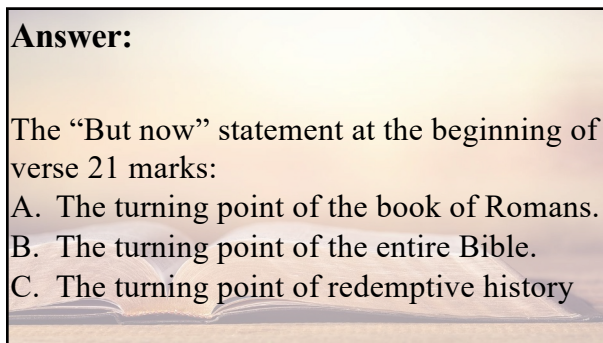
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“There are no more wonderful words in the whole of Scripture than just these two words ‘But now’.”

-Martin Lloyd Jones



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Question:

How is this Christ event applicable to us?



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Romans 7:6

“But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.”



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Galatians 3:24-25

“So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian...”

37

Ephesians 2:13

“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”

38

Ephesians 5:8

“for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light”

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1 Peter 2:10

“Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.”

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Romans 3:21a
The epoch of gospel revelation

Questions

1. Why is it impossible to accurately define “righteousness” without including God?
2. Is it possible for secular scholars to be consistent with their atheistic presuppositions when attempting to define invisible nouns such as righteousness or truth? ____ Discuss
3. When blatant lies are being openly and publicly propagated by our culture as truth, should the church do anything? ____ if not, why not? If so, what?
4. Do abortion, homosexual marriage and transgenderism exist within the political realm and therefore off-limits to Christians? Or are these actually moral issues that are being politicized? Whose realm do these subjects belong to the state’s or God’s? How might we as Christians stand against such things in a way that honors God? Try to defend your position from scripture.
5. How are we to live quiet and peaceable lives while simultaneously making disciples of the nations, exposing evil and making an appeal to men on behalf of God as ambassadors for Christ? See 1 Timothy 2:1-4; Matthew 28:18–20; Ephesians 5:11; 2 Corinthians 5:21
6. Although Christ has ascended into heaven, we are still his body, his representatives, his ambassadors.
 - A. If his physical presence in the world changed everything, then what about the church’s physical presence in the world? See Acts 17:6.
 - B. As those who have been entrusted with the truth, what is our responsibility to the world who is being lied to?
7. In light of the “but now’s” contained in the following verses, how then should we live?
Read Romans 6:22, Romans 7:6, Galatians 3:24-25, Ephesians 2:13, Ephesians 5:8, 1 Peter 2:10